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DO YOU BELIEVE IN REINCARNATION?... THE PASSAGE OF A SOUL FROM ONE LIFE TO ANOTHER, EACH TIME IN A DIFFERENT FORM? IN THIS THEORY, PERHAPS, LIES THE ANSWER TO THE TALE I AM ABOUT TO TELL YOU... THE TALE OF **FELICIA**... BEAUTIFUL, GRACEFUL

# BLOODY SPAWN <sup>OF</sup> THE CAT

A CIRCUS VETERINARIAN'S JOB IS FAIRLY ROUTINE AND UNEXCITING... BUT THERE WAS ONE SIDESHOW ACT THAT NEVER FAILED TO INTRIGUE ME! IT WAS THE **DANCE OF FELICIA!**



SEE FELICIA, THE DANCING GIRL... JUST TEN CENTS TO SEE THE MOST EXOTIC DANCE IN THE WORLD...



THE TENT LIGHTS WENT OUT AND ONLY A SINGLE BLUE SPOTLIGHT SHONE ON THE CROUCHED, BEAUTIFUL FIGURE OF FELICIA! THE DANCE WAS ABOUT TO BEGIN!



NO MUSIC, NO DRUMS ACCOMPANIED THE STRANGE DANCE... ONLY A LOW, MOURNFUL HUM WHICH ISSUED FROM FELICIA'S OWN LOVELY THROAT/THE AUDIENCE WAS HELD IN A HYPNOTIC TRANCE AS HER BODY SWAYED TO A SLOW, UNDULATING RYTHM... GRACEFUL, FLOWING... CAT-LIKE...



AND WHEN THE DANCE WAS OVER THERE WAS DEAD SILENCE! THE AUDIENCE FILED OUT SLOWLY, QUIETLY, STILL DAZED... IT WAS EERIE!



LATER THAT AFTERNOON, SIMON, THE CIRCUS STRONGMAN ENTERED FELICIA'S TENT...



FELICIA CLAWED AT HIS FACE LIKE A WILD-WOMAN... SHE SANK HER SHARP TEETH INTO HIS HAND!





I SAW SIMON AS HE CAME STAGGERING OUT OF FELICIA'S TENT...



I DISMISSED SIMON WITH A LAUGH, BUT LATE THAT NIGHT, I PONDERED HIS WORDS...



AND THIS NIGHT I COULD NOT SLEEP... SOMETHING WAS TROUBLING ME... SOMETHING THAT KEPT ELUDING MY CONSCIOUSNESS...



I OFTEN MARVELLED AT THE WAY THE ANIMALS, ESPECIALLY THE CATS, SEEMED TO BE PACIFIED, SOOTHED BY HER MERE PRESENCE! IT WAS UNCANNY, THE EFFECT SHE HAD ON THEM! THERE WERE TIMES WHEN SHE ACTUALLY APPEARED TO TALK TO THEM...



WHEN I REACHED THE GIRL'S TENT, A STRANGE SIGHT MET MY EYES! FELICIA WAS GOING THROUGH A WILD, FRENZIED DANCE! HER BODY ROCKED AND GYRATED IN VIOLENT SPASMODIC MOVEMENTS... SHE SEEMED LIKE ONE POSSESSED.





THE MAD DANCE ENDED ABRUPTLY, AND I STEPPED BACK INTO THE SHADOWS AS SHE EMERGED FROM HER TENT AND, CROUCHING LOW LIKE AN ANIMAL, SHE SLID PAST ME AND DISAPPEARED AROUND THE SIDE...



I TRIED TO FOLLOW HER, BUT SHE WAS TOO SWIFT! SUDDENLY I HAD AN AWFUL SUSPICION! I HEADED DIRECTLY FOR THE MENAGERIE...



I RACED TO SIMON'S TENT AND THERE MY SUSPICION WAS VERIFIED!







SUDDENLY SHE ROSE FROM THE FLOOR...SNARLING, SPITTING, GROWLING LIKE A BEAST OF THE JUNGLE!



SHE DID A CRAZY, TWISTING STAGGERING DANCE...A **DANCE OF DEATH**...AND THEN SLUMPED IN A HEAP BY THE BODY OF THE PANTHER!



I WATCHED IN FASCINATION AND DISGUST AS FELICIA THREW HERSELF UPON THE LIFELESS BODY OF THE BEAST!



SHE SPRANG AT MY THROAT, SLASHING VICIOUSLY WITH CLAWLIKE FINGERS. I HAD NO CHOICE!



AND THEN AN INCREDIBLE THING HAPPENED! I COULD SWEAR THAT FOR A MOMENT, AS I STARED DUMBFOUNDED AT THE DEAD BEAUTIFUL FELICIA...THE SEDUCTIVE CURVES AND LOVELY WHITE FLESH CHANGED...AND BECAME THE SLEEK, GRACEFUL FORM OF A BLACK PANTHER!



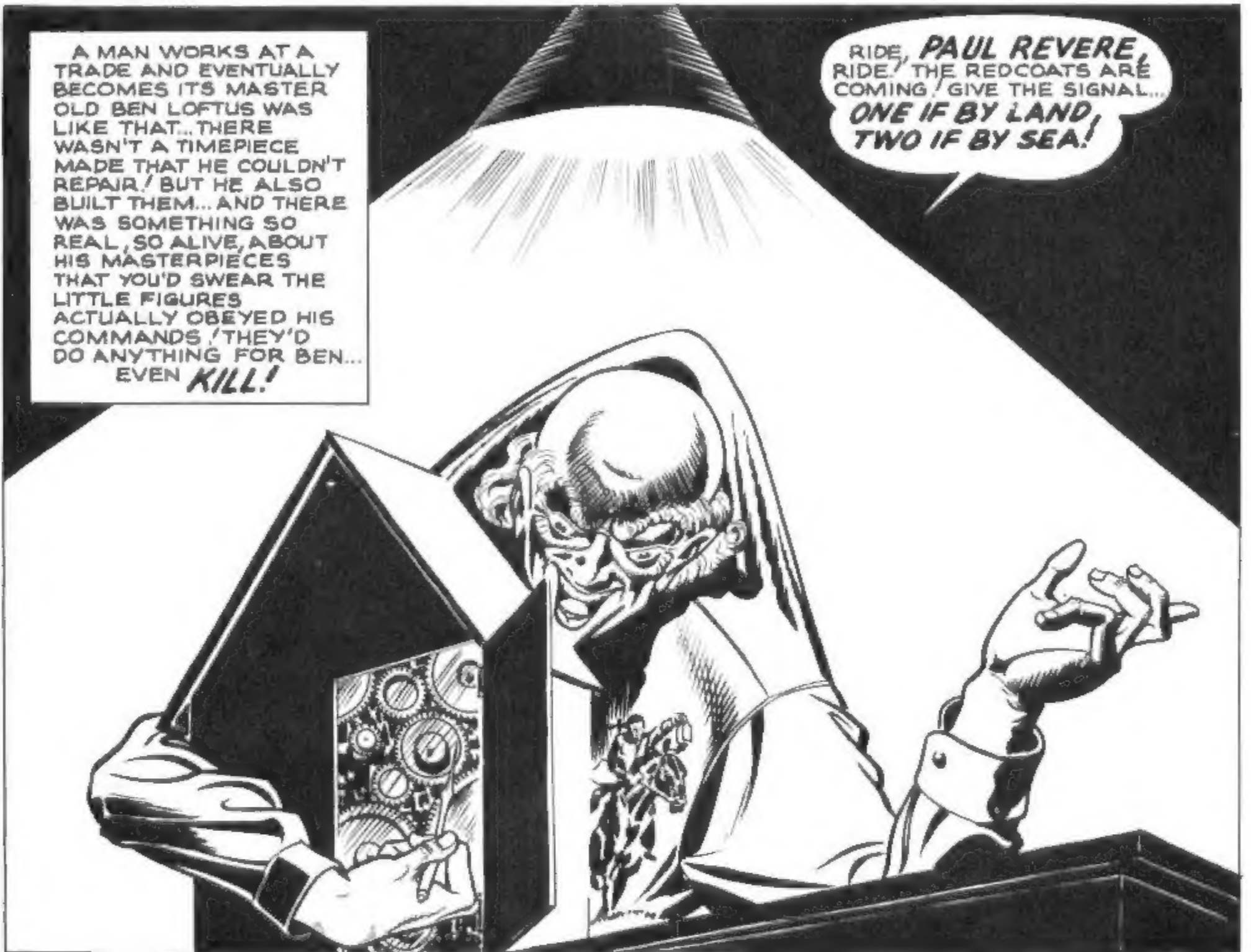
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# THE CLOCK MAKER

A MAN WORKS AT A TRADE AND EVENTUALLY BECOMES ITS MASTER. OLD BEN LOFTUS WAS LIKE THAT... THERE WASN'T A TIMEPIECE MADE THAT HE COULDN'T REPAIR. BUT HE ALSO BUILT THEM... AND THERE WAS SOMETHING SO REAL, SO ALIVE, ABOUT HIS MASTERPIECES THAT YOU'D SWEAR THE LITTLE FIGURES ACTUALLY OBEYED HIS COMMANDS. THEY'D DO ANYTHING FOR BEN... EVEN **KILL!**

RIDE, **PAUL REVERE**,  
RIDE! THE REDCOATS ARE  
COMING! GIVE THE SIGNAL...  
**ONE IF BY LAND,  
TWO IF BY SEA!**



BUT BEN'S CLOCKS WEREN'T ORDINARY TIMEPIECES... FAR FROM IT! THEY WERE THE REINCARNATION OF PAST EVENTS... AS IF THE SMALL FIGURINES HAD COME BACK FROM THE GRAVE TO REENACT THEIR HISTORICAL EVENTS!



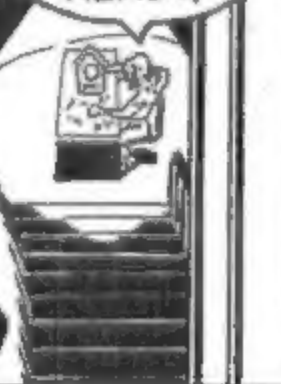


HIS CLOCKS WERE BEN'S FIRST LOVE, BUT THE OLD MAN HAD ANOTHER LOVE... HIS WIFE, LOIS! SHE WAS YOUNG, BEAUTIFUL, VIBRANT... EVERYTHING THAT BEN WASN'T! BUT WHY DID SHE MARRY AN OLD HUNCHBACK WHEN SHE COULD HAVE HER PICK OF THE HANDSOME YOUNG MEN? SIMPLE, BEN HAD MADE A FORTUNE WITH HIS ART... SOMEDAY IT WOULD ALL BELONG TO HER!

ARE YOU STILL WORKING ON THAT STUPID CLOCK? IT'S ALMOST NINE O'CLOCK AND WE'RE GOING TO BE LATE FOR THE THEATRE! YOU PROMISED YOU'D TAKE ME TONIGHT!



I WAS SO WRAPPED UP IN MY WORK THAT I FORGOT ALL ABOUT IT... HAVE PATIENCE, MY DEAR, I'LL GO RIGHT UPSTAIRS AND GET READY!



IT'LL BE TOO LATE BY THEN! WELL, I'M GOING WITHOUT YOU... YOU CAN STAY HERE AND WORK ON THAT STUPID CLOCK... I'M GOING TO HAVE A GOOD TIME TONIGHT!



YES DEAR, WHY DON'T YOU GO AND ENJOY YOURSELF! I KNOW I ONLY GET IN THE WAY... BESIDES, WHAT DOES AN OLD MAN LIKE ME WANT TO GO TO THE THEATRE FOR ANYWAY?



I'LL PROBABLY BE UP WHEN YOU COME HOME, BUT DON'T WORRY ABOUT LEAVING ME ALONE! JUST HAVE A LOT OF FUN! I'VE GOT MY WORK TO KEEP ME BUSY! HERE, LET ME KISS YOU GOODBYE!



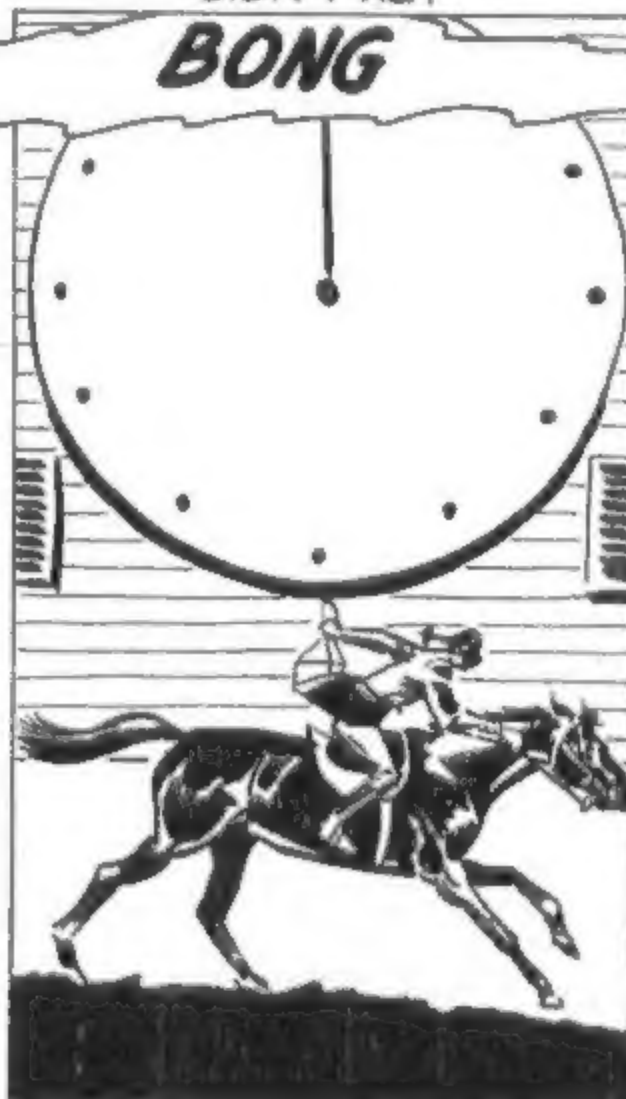
NO! I MEAN, ER, YOU'LL SMEAR MY LIPSTICK!



OF COURSE LOIS WASN'T IN LOVE WITH BEN, HOW COULD SHE BE WHEN HER HEART BELONGED TO SOMEBODY SHE WAS KEEPING A TRYST WITH THAT VERY NIGHT...



AND WHAT OF BEN? OH, HE WAS HAPPY IN HIS IGNORANCE... AND HE STILL HAD HIS CLOCKS, DIDN'T HE?





TIME PASSED QUICKLY AND AS IT DID BEN BECAME EVEN MORE ENGROSSED IN HIS MAGICAL CLOCKS AS FOR LOIS, THE FIRES OF HER LOVE AFFAIR FLAMED TO THE HEIGHTS OF ECSTASY! AND WHEN SHE SAW THAT BEN HAD NO SUSPICIONS SHE FLAUNTED HER LOVER IN HIS FACE!



BEN DARLING, I WANT YOU TO MEET AN OLD FRIEND OF MINE, EDDIE GIDES. WE, ER, USED TO GO TO SCHOOL TOGETHER!

GLAD TO KNOW YOU, EDDIE! ANY FRIEND OF LOIS IS WELCOME HERE!

THANK YOU, SIR, LOIS HAS TOLD ME ALL ABOUT YOU!

AND THIS MUST BE ONE OF THOSE CLOCKS I'VE HEARD SO MUCH ABOUT! WHY, IT'S BEAUTIFUL...A REAL MASTER-PIECE!

WHY THANK YOU, SON! IT'S GOOD TO SEE SOMEONE WHO REALLY APPRECIATES THEM! LOIS DOESN'T SHOW MUCH INTEREST IN MY WORK!



IF I KNEW THE SECRET OF HOW YOU MAKE THESE LIFE-LIKE FIGURES, I COULD MAKE A FORTUNE! HOW ABOUT IT, BEN, CARE TO LET ME IN ON IT?

**NO!** THAT'S ONE SECRET I CAN NEVER SHARE!



AWW, COME ON! YOU'VE MADE YOUR PILE, HOW ABOUT LETTING THE YOUNGER GENERATION TAKE OVER? WHAT'S THE MYSTERY?

I CAN NEVER TELL YOU... BESIDES... **YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE ME IF I DID!**



WHAT IS BEN'S SECRET ANYWAY? HOW DOES HE GET THOSE FIGURINES TO ACT SO LIFE-LIKE? HE MIGHT BE ABLE TO KEEP IT FROM EDDIE, BUT HE CAN'T VERY WELL KEEP IT FROM US! COME, IT'S A FEW DAYS LATER NOW, LET'S FOLLOW THE OLD MAN INTO THAT DINGY SHOP

WELCOME TO THE **DEN OF ANCIENT SECRETS!** I SEE YOU HAVE ANOTHER SUBJECT WITH YOU FOR **TREATMENT**, OH BELIEVER OF **DARK WAYS!**

YES, **KEEPER OF LIFE...** I BRING THEM FOR THE TRANSFUSION OF YOUR POWERS!



THIS TIME IT'S **WASHINGTON CHOPPING DOWN THE CHERRY TREE!** I'VE A COMMISSION FROM A WEALTHY MATRON FOR IT!

GOOD! GOOD! A NOBLE SCENE TO CHOOSE! RETURN IN A FEW DAYS... **THE RITES OF RE-INCARNATION** WILL BE CONCLUDED AFTER THE NEXT FULL MOON!



AND THERE YOU HAVE IT. BEN'S SECRET! A MIXTURE OF ANCIENT SORCERY WITH THE AGILE HANDS OF THE CRAFTSMAN! IMPOSSIBLE, YOU SAY? WHO ARE WE TO QUESTION THE METHODS OF THE **MYSTERIOUS ONES...**



AND A FEW DAYS LATER... AFTER THE POWER OF THE FULL MOON HAD DONE ITS WORK.



BEN TOOK THE FIGURINE BACK TO HIS WORKSHOP AND QUICKLY PUT THE FINISHING TOUCHES ON THE TIMEPIECE! WHILE THE PREVIOUS MODELS HAD BEEN MORE THAN ACCEPTED, THIS ONE EVEN AMAZED THE OLD MAN! THIS WAS PERFECTION!



THE CLOCKMAKER BECAME EVEN MORE INVOLVED WITH HIS TIMEPIECES THAN EVER BEFORE HE BECAME SO WRAPT UP IN HIS WORK THAT HE FORGOT EVERYTHING ELSE... EVEN HIS LOVELY WIFE LOIS! NOT THAT SHE CARED, FOR SHE HAD EDDIE! BUT THE IMPATIENCE OF YOUTH FINALLY POURED OVER THEM. THEY HAD TO GET RID OF THE OBSTACLE IN THEIR PATH!

BUT THE FATES STEPPED IN ONE DAY AS BEN WAS RACING TO TELL THE NEWS TO HIS YOUNG WIFE.



BEN RETURNED TO HIS WORKSHOP A BROKENHEARTED, DEFEATED OLD MAN! BUT A MAN WITH VENGEANCE IN HIS SOUL AND HE KNEW THE WAY TO WRECK HIS VENGEANCE...





GRIMLY, BEN BROUGHT THE TWO DOLLS TO THE DINGY SHOP! SURPRISE WAS WRITTEN ON THE OLD HAGS FACE, BUT WITH A SHRUG SHE WENT TO WORK AND ONCE MORE THE DOLL-LIKE REPLICAS WERE BROUGHT TO LIFE TO REPRESENT A SCENE THEY WOULD SOON REENACT!

AND THE SAME NIGHT...

I'VE WORKED IT ALL OUT! TONIGHT'S THE NIGHT WE GET RID OF HIM!

GOOD! I'VE WASTED THE BEST YEARS OF MY LIFE WAITING FOR HIM TO DIE... NOW I'M GOING TO HELP HIM ALONG!



THEY WAITED EAGERLY FOR BEN TO ARRIVE... BUT ALL WAS QUIET... EXCEPT FOR THE CHIMING OF A NEW CLOCK...

I FEEL STRANGE... SOMETHING'S COME OVER ME..

ME TOO... I... CAN'T CONTROL... MYSELF.



THE STRANGE SENSATION HAD TAKEN COMPLETE CONTROL OF THE TWO LOVERS. BUT HAD CHANGED THEIR ARDOR TO A FEELING OF HATE!

IT WAS A BROKEN HEARTED BEN WHO CALLED THE POLICE TO VIEW THE SCENE OF DEATH THAT HAD GREETED HIM ON HIS RETURN HOME.



LOOKING FOR A MOTIVE, OFFICER? DON'T LOOK TOO FAR, JUST AT THE CLOCK IN THE HALL... THERE'S YOUR ANSWER!

BONG BONG BONG BONG



THE END



MEN FLOCKED TO LAURIE LIKE BEES AROUND HONEY! BUT LAURIE'S TASTES RAN HIGH--TOO HIGH FOR MOST OF HER LOVERS! THAT'S WHY SHE TOOK UP WITH RINGO--FOR SHE KNEW THAT MONEY MEANT NOTHING TO HIM--BUT THAT WAS ALL SHE KNEW ABOUT HIM--SHE DIDN'T KNOW THAT HE WAS--

# THE HATCHET MAN



BUT WHY CAN'T WE RUN AWAY, LAURIE -- JUST THE TWO OF US -- I CAN GIVE YOU EVERYTHING!

ON WHAT YOU MAKE! DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH! BUT AFTER I MARRY RINGO I'LL HAVE ALL THE MONEY I WANT-- THEN YOU WON'T HAVE TO WORRY-- THEN IT'LL JUST BE THE TWO OF US --

IT SEEMED STRANGE THAT THIS BEAUTIFUL DOLL SHOULD AGREE TO MARRY THIS GNOME-LIKE CREATURE! BUT APPARENTLY SHE DIDN'T CARE ABOUT HIS LOOKS--IT WAS ONLY HIS WALLET SHE WAS INTERESTED IN--- AND WHAT WENT WITH IT! BUT OF COURSE RINGO DIDN'T KNOW THAT-- FOR AT LAST HE HAD FOUND A GIRL WHO NOT ONLY WOULD LOVE HIM, BUT WOULD ALSO MARRY HIM!

LAURIE PLAYED THE GAME WELL-- RINGO NEVER SUSPECTED---

I SHIVER EVERYTIME HE TOUCHES ME-- BUT I'VE STUCK IT OUT THIS LONG, I CAN HANG ON UNTIL THE WEDDING!

FOR LAURIE WAS IN LOVE WITH ANOTHER MAN--IN FACT, WITH MANY MEN--THAT'S WHY SHE COULDN'T WAIT TILL RINGO LEFT!

HURRY OVER, DARLING -- HE'S GONE -- I'LL BE WAITING FOR YOU!





IN OTHER WORDS, LAURIE WAS PLAYING RINGO FOR A SUCKER -- THE MONEY SHE WOULD GET FROM HIM WOULD KEEP THE OTHER MEN IN HER LIFE HAPPY -- AND HEAR HER! BUT RINGO DIDN'T KNOW THAT -- HE DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO KNOW IT! FOR RINGO'S PROFESSION KEPT HIM BUSY -- TOO BUSY TO CHECK UP ON THE GIRL HE WAS IN LOVE WITH -- THE GIRL HE WAS GOING TO MARRY RINGO WAS A HATCHET MAN!

LAURIE HAD MADE HER PLANS WELL -- BUT SHE OVERLOOKED ONE THING -- THE ELEMENT OF CHANCE! AND ONE DAY ONE OF RINGO'S BOYS SAW HER WITH ONE OF HER MANY LOVERS --

THAT'S THE BOSS' DOLL WITH ANOTHER GUY -- BETTER TELL RINGO! HE DON'T LIKE ANYBODY TWO-TIMING HIM!



BUT RINGO COULDN'T BELIEVE IT -- NOT LAURIE -- SHE WAS TRUE TO HIM -- NOT LIKE THE OTHERS -- SHE COULDN'T BE --

I SAW HER WITH THIS GUY -- HEY, WHAT'S THAT FOR?

FOR LYING -- NOBODY SAYS ANYTHING AGAINST LAURIE WITHOUT ANSWERING TO ME! IT MUST HAVE BEEN SOMEBODY WHO LOOKS LIKE HER!



BUT THE THOUGHT PREYED ON HIM ALL DAY -- THE MORE HE THOUGHT ABOUT IT THE LESS SURE HE BECAME OF LAURIE -- HE HAD OFTEN WONDERED WHY SHE HAD FALLEN FOR HIM -- BUT IN THE HAPPINESS OF THAT LOVE HE'D FORGOTTEN HIS UNEASINESS -- BUT NOW IT RETURNED --

GOT TO FIND OUT -- GOT TO MAKE SURE!



RINGO WAS A METHODICAL MAN -- THAT'S HOW HE HAD BUILT UP HIS REPUTATION AND BUSINESS -- HE WASN'T GOING TO CONVICT LAURIE ON SOMEBODY'S WORD -- HE'D FIND OUT FOR HIMSELF --

ARE YOU SURE YOU HAVE TO LEAVE SO EARLY, DARLING -- USUALLY YOU STAY UNTIL MIDNIGHT --

NOT TONIGHT, BABY -- I'VE GOT SOME IMPORTANT BUSINESS TO TAKE CARE OF -- SOME VERY IMPORTANT BUSINESS!



YES, IT WAS IMPORTANT BUSINESS -- JUST HOW IMPORTANT LAURIE DIDN'T REALIZE!

I'LL FIND OUT IF I HAVE TO CAMP HERE ALL NIGHT!



BUT RINGO DIDN'T HAVE LONG TO WAIT -- FOR LAURIE WAS LONELY THAT NIGHT -- LONELY FOR A MAN -- AND A SHORT TIME LATER --





BUT RINGO LOVED LAURIE AND HE COULDN'T BELIEVE WHAT HE HAD SEEN! AND HE TRIED TO MAKE EXCUSES FOR HER--MAYBE IT WAS HER LONG-LOST BROTHER--MAYBE JUST A FRIEND! IT COULDN'T BE WHAT IT APPEARED TO BE! AND HE COULDN'T CONVICT HER ON JUST THAT ONE PIECE OF EVIDENCE-- HE HAD TO HAVE MORE!

AND THERE WERE MORE--RINGO FOUND THAT OUT SOON ENOUGH! AND HER WORDS BEGAN TO RING IN HIS EARS--WHAT A RIDICULOUS FOOL HE HAD BEEN!

JUST A LITTLE LONGER DARLING -- THEN I'LL HAVE HIS MONEY AND YOU --

SOON SWEETHEART-- SOON -- THEN THE TWO OF US CAN REALLY LIVE!

DON'T BE IMPATIENT, DARLING -- NOW YOU HAVE ME -- SOON YOU'LL HAVE MONEY TO GO WITH ME!

OF COURSE I LOVE YOU -- WOULD I BE GOING THROUGH WITH THIS IF I DIDN'T?

NOW THE EVIDENCE WAS IN--AND THE VERDICT WAS GUILTY-RINGO KNEW HE SHOULD FORGET HER-- BUT HE COULDN'T--THAT WOULD BE ADMITTING SHE HAD PUT SOMETHING OVER ON HIM-- THAT SHE HAD BEATEN HIM --

THEN HE HAD THE ANSWER-- HE KNEW WHAT TO DO! MARRYING ME FOR MY DOUGH, EH-- STILL WANTS ALL THOSE MEN WITH HER-- WELL, I'LL SHOW HER -- I'LL SHOW HER -- BUT GOOD!

GOT TO DO SOME- THING! -- GO TO





RINGO PRETENDED HE KNEW NOTHING -- AND THE WEDDING WENT OFF ON SCHEDULE -- SOON LAURIE WOULD HAVE EVERYTHING SHE WANTED -- RINGO'S MONEY -- AND HER COLLECTION OF LOVERS --

LAURIE COULDN'T UNDERSTAND WHY RINGO WAS IN SUCH A HURRY TO LEAVE THE WEDDING -- IT WASN'T EVERY DAY THAT A GIRL GOT MARRIED -- BUT SHE FORGOT ABOUT THAT WHEN HE TALKED OF HER WEDDING PRESENT --



BESIDES - I WANTED YOU TO CUT THE CAKE ALONE - JUST THE TWO OF US -- YOU UNDERSTAND!

OF COURSE, DARLING -- OF COURSE!



THE CAKE! LAURIE HAD FORGOTTEN ABOUT IT -- BUT SHE DIDN'T EXPECT ANYTHING THIS SIZE --

GO AHEAD, BABY -- TAKE THE COVER OFF -- IT'S A SURPRISE -- I HAD IT MADE ESPECIALLY FOR YOU!

OH, RINGO -- YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE --



EAGERLY LAURIE TOOK THE COVER OFF -- AND THEN HER SMILE OF HAPPINESS TURNED TO A SHRIEK OF HORROR --

NO! NO! ARRGH!



SHE LOOKED AT THE CAKE -- THE GRUESOME CAKE -- AND NOW SHE KNEW WHAT RINGO MEANT WHEN HE SAID HE WAS A HATCHET MAN! AND AS FOR THE SAYING, "YOU CAN'T HAVE YOUR CAKE AND EAT IT TOO," WELL, RINGO FIXED IT SO SHE COULD --

HOW COULD YOU -- HOW COULD YOU!

YOU WANTED YOUR LOVERS AFTER WE WERE MARRIED, DIDN'T YOU? WELL NOW YOU'VE GOT 'EM -- HEH-HEH-HEH!



End



IF EVER THERE LIVED A CRUEL, SADISTIC BEAST, IT WAS COCHON, THE JAILKEEPER. AND IT WAS ONCE WOE UNTO THE PRISONERS IN HIS CHARGE. FOR THEY WERE TO UNDERGO A TORTURE THAT WAS WORSE THAN DEATH ITSELF...

# DON'T LAUGH NEXT TIME SOMEONE SAYS YOU LOOK GOOD ENOUGH TO EAT



WHY SO GLOOMY, PRISONERS?  
SURELY YOU DO NOT BEGRUDGE  
YOUR JAILER A FEW TINY  
MORSELS OF FOOD!  
HAHAHAHAHA  
HO HOHO!

DEEP IN THE CASTLE DUNGEON OF THE MARQUIS DE VIELOT, **COCHON, THE JAILER**, ADMITTED FIVE NEW PRISONERS WITH UNCONCEALED DELIGHT... FOR TO COCHON, PRISONERS MEANT MORE FOOD FOR HIS OWN FAT BELLY...

SO THESE ARE THE MISBEGOTTEN OFFSPRING OF THE ILL-FATED DUC DE MARABON, EH?

AYE! THEY SOUGHT **VENGEANCE** FOR THEIR FATHER'S DEATH AT THE HANDS OF OUR MASTER, AND SET UPON HIM AS HE RODE TO VERSAILLES. THEY WOULD SURELY HAVE KILLED HIM HAD WE NOT BEEN RIDING CLOSE BEHIND HIM!



COCHON'S FACE GLOWED IN PLEASURABLE ANTICIPATION...

THE MASTER HAS ORDERED THEM KEPT IN CHAINS UNTIL HIS RETURN. HE WOULD OVERSEE THEIR EXECUTION **PERSONALLY!**

AND ARE THEY TO BE FED?... WILL **FOOD** BE SENT DOWN FROM THE KITCHENS?

OF COURSE. THE MASTER WILL NOT RETURN FOR MANY WEEKS. THEY MUST BE **KEPT ALIVE** TILL THEN!







AND NOW... MY NOBLE GUESTS, LET ME SEE WHAT PROVISION HAS BEEN MADE FOR YOUR MEALS!



COCHON LICKED HIS UGLY LIPS AS HIS EYE FELL ON THE PLATTER OF FOOD!

FOOD FOR THE PRISONERS!

GOOD! I TRUST THE COOK HAS NOT BEEN TOO SPARING! PUT IT HERE, KNAVE!



IT WOULD BE A PITY TO WASTE FOOD ON PRISONERS WHO ARE SOON TO DIE! ME THINKS I CAN PUT IT TO BETTER USE!

BUT THE FOOD WAS INTENDED FOR US!

WE HAVE HAD NOTHING TO EAT ALL DAY!

SILENCE! WHEN I HAVE EATEN MY FILL, YOU SHALL HAVE THE REMAINS!

PIG!

FAT SLOB!

AFTER COCHON HAD GORGED HIMSELF TO THE UTMOST, HE FLUNG THE SCRAPS TO THE PRISONERS... THEY LOOKED AT HIM, UNDISGUISED HATRED IN THEIR EYES, BUT THEY MADE NO MOVE TOWARDS THE FOOD HE HAD THROWN AT THEIR FEET...

TSK TSK... SO IT BEHOOVES YOU NOT TO SHARE MY REPAST... VERY WELL, YOU SHALL BE THE **SUFFERERS**, NOT I!





FIVE WEEKS PASSED... FIVE WEEKS OF **STARVATION** AND **TORMENT** AS THEIR BODIES GRADUALLY GREW THIN AND WEAK FROM LACK OF NOURISHMENT! THE SADISTIC JAILER BROUGHT EACH MEAL INTO THE CELL AND DEVoured IT BEFORE THEIR EYES! REVELING AS HE WATCHED EACH OF THEM BREAK DOWN IN THE FACE OF **EXTREME HUNGER**!



SEVERAL WEEKS LATER...

A COURIER HAS COME BRINGING NEWS OF THE MASTER'S RETURN! HE HAS ORDERED THAT THE PRISONERS BE ALLOWED TO **CHOOSE** THE R **SUPPER** TONIGHT... FOR TOMORROW THEY **DIE**!

**THE LAST SUPPER.** EH? HA HA... SO BE IT!

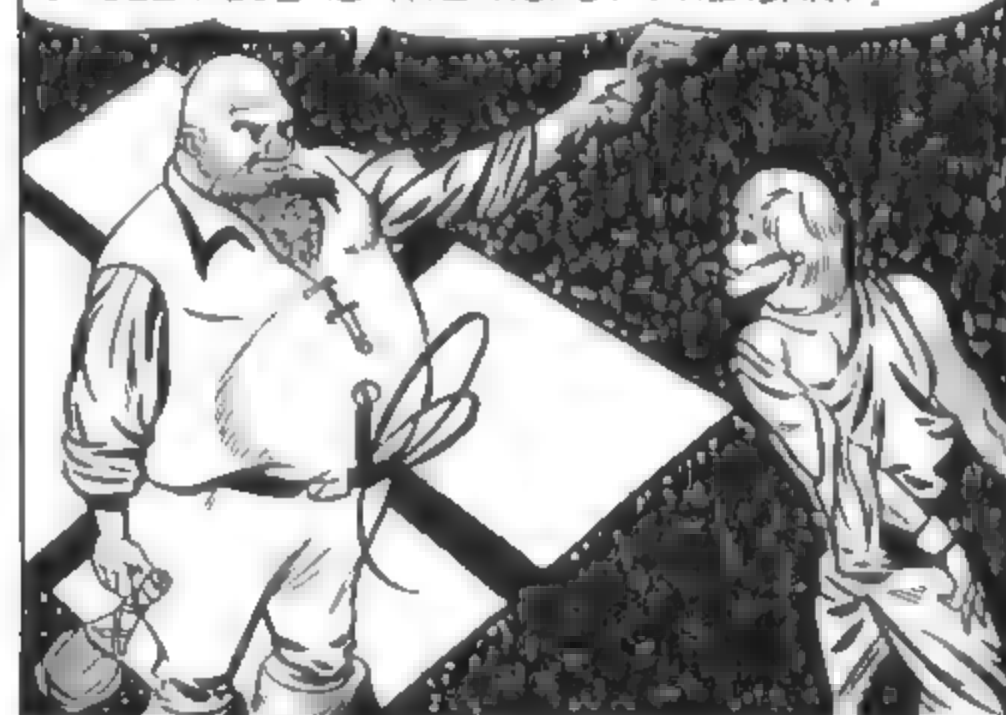


DID YOU HEAR? THIS IS TO BE YOUR **LAST SUPPER**! HAVE YOU ANY REQUESTS? NO? THEN I SHALL ORDER FOR YOU DELICACIES FIT FOR A KING!



AND WHEN THE FOOD WAS BROUGHT, COCHON MADE GREAT SPORT WITH IT BEFORE THE ANGUISHED EYES OF THE PRISONERS! HE HELD UP EACH MOUTHFUL, TAUNTING THEM WITH IT... DELIGHTING IN THEIR ANGUISH... REVELING IN HIS POWER OVER THEM...

AH... DELICIOUS! YOU CANNOT IMAGINE HOW DELECTABLE IS THIS ROAST PHEASANT!



HERE... SMELL THAT WONDERFUL AROMA!

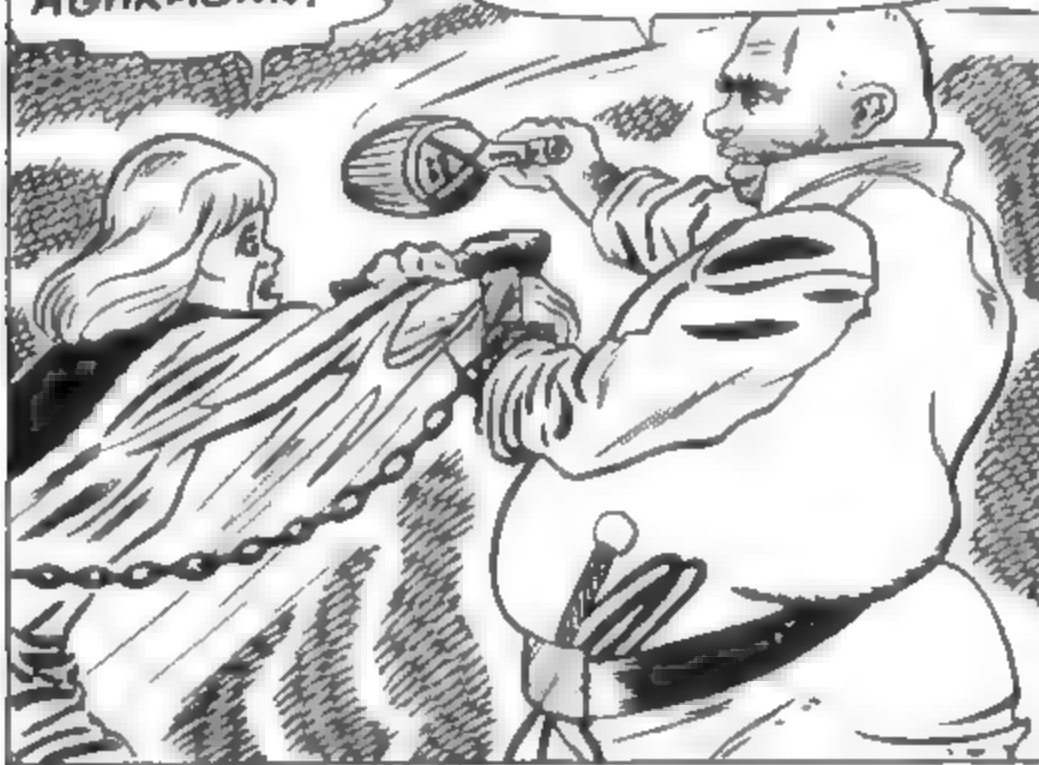




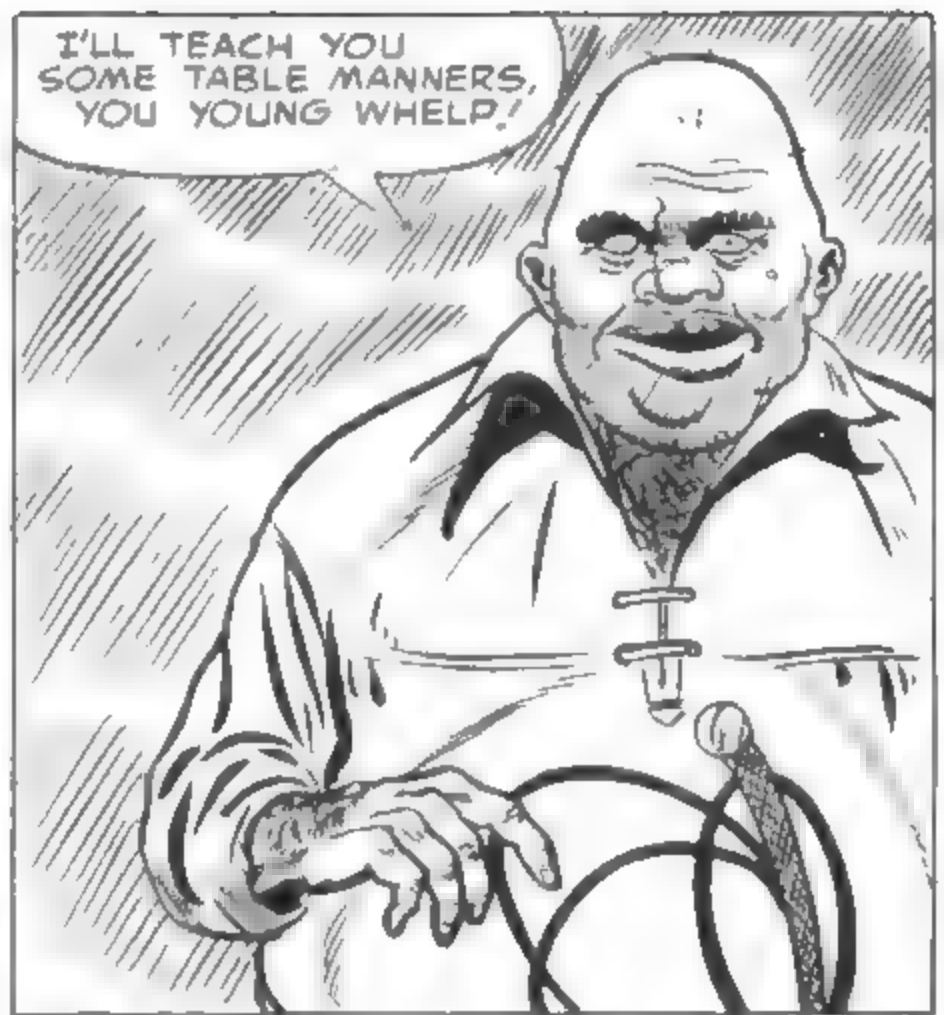
THE SIGHT AND SMELL OF THE TANTALIZING FOOD WERE TOO MUCH FOR THE STARVED BOY... HE SNATCHED AT IT DESPERATELY... FEVERISHLY... LIKE A WILD BEAST...

AGHRAGHR!

LET GO... DOG...  
I'LL KILL YOU!



I'LL TEACH YOU  
SOME TABLE MANNERS,  
YOU YOUNG WHELP!



AND FOR NEARLY THIRTY MINUTES THE DUNGEON RANG WITH THE AGONIZED SCREAMS OF THE YOUNG BOY AS COCHON BROUGHT THE WHIP DOWN BRUTALLY ON HIS BLEEDING BACK AGAIN AND AGAIN...

HAVE MERCY!  
YOU'LL KILL HIM!

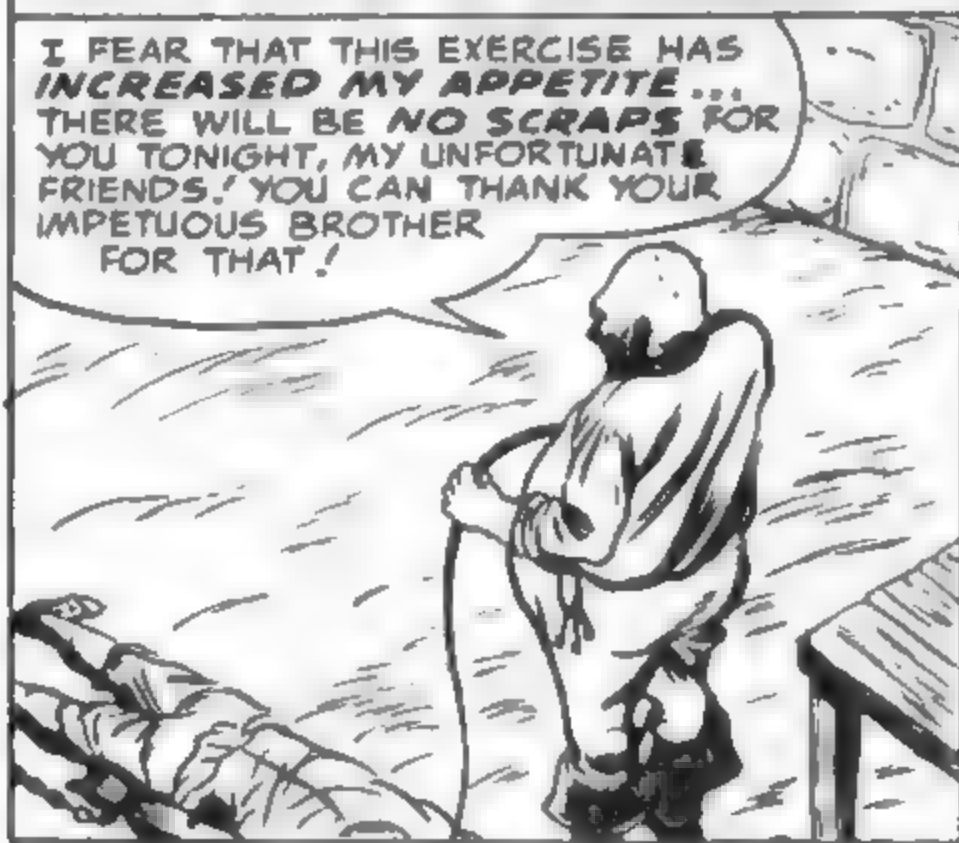
YOU  
FIEND!

NO MORE...  
STOP!





COCHON CONTINUED THE LASHING UNTIL HE SAW THE BOY WAS CLOSE TO DEATH! THEN HE TURNED TO THE OTHERS...



I FEAR THAT THIS EXERCISE HAS INCREASED MY APPETITE... THERE WILL BE NO SCRAPS FOR YOU TONIGHT, MY UNFORTUNATE FRIENDS! YOU CAN THANK YOUR IMPETUOUS BROTHER FOR THAT!

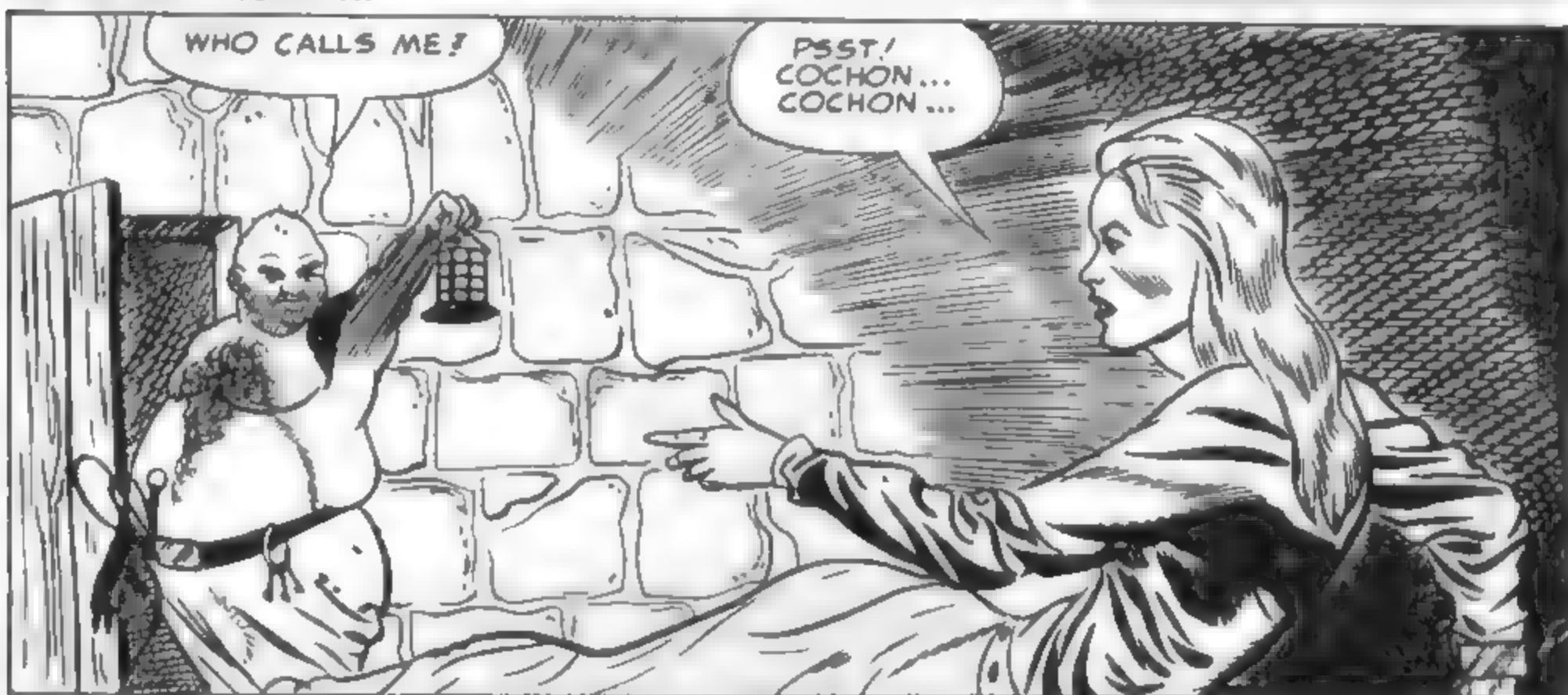
AND THEN THE DAUGHTER OF THE DUC DE MARABON MADE A STRANGE PRONOUNCEMENT...



WE SHALL YET HAVE OUR LAST SUPPER!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, SISTER?

AND LATE THAT NIGHT AS COCHON MADE HIS LAST REGULAR CHECK ON THE PRISONERS, HE HEARD A VOICE...



WHO CALLS ME?

PSST! COCHON... COCHON...

THE MEAL SEEMED TO LAST FOR HOURS AS THE PRISONERS WATCHED THE SADISTIC JAILER STUFF HIMSELF TILL IT SEEMED HE MUST BURST! FINALLY HE LEFT! AND ALL THAT REMAINED WAS THE TERRIBLE, TORTURING HUNGER... A LIVING THING, GNAWING, TEARING AT THEIR SHRUNKEN STOMACHS!



THE BOY IS STILL UNCONSCIOUS! PERHAPS HE IS BETTER OFF THAN WE!

THANK GOD THAT TOMORROW WE DIE! AT LEAST WE WILL BE DELIVERED FROM THIS TERRIBLE HUNGER!



I CANNOT EXPLAIN FULLY, BUT TONIGHT I PRAY YOU FEIGN SLEEP WHEN THE PIG MAKES HIS USUAL ROUNDS...

ANTOINE... I WOULD HAVE SPECIAL WORDS WITH YOU...





IT IS I... I BEG  
A WORD WITH  
YOU...

WHAT  
IS IT?



COME CLOSER... I WOULD  
NOT HAVE MY BROTHERS  
HEAR MY WORDS... IT  
FAR SHAMES ME TO  
UTTER THEM ALOUD!

OHO! SO HUNGER  
MAKES A COMMON  
**GUTTER-MAID** OF  
EVEN THE **NOBLEST**,  
EH, HA HA HA HA!



AND WOULD YOU  
TRULY **SELL YOUR-  
SELF** FOR A MERE  
**SCRAP OF BREAD?**

I WOULD...  
AND IF  
YOU WILL  
COME  
CLOSER I  
WILL GIVE YOU  
A **TOKEN** OF  
MY **SINCERITY!**



THE SCHEME HAD WORKED...  
THE UNSUSPECTING COCHON  
FELL VICTIM TO HIS OWN EVIL  
DESIRES!

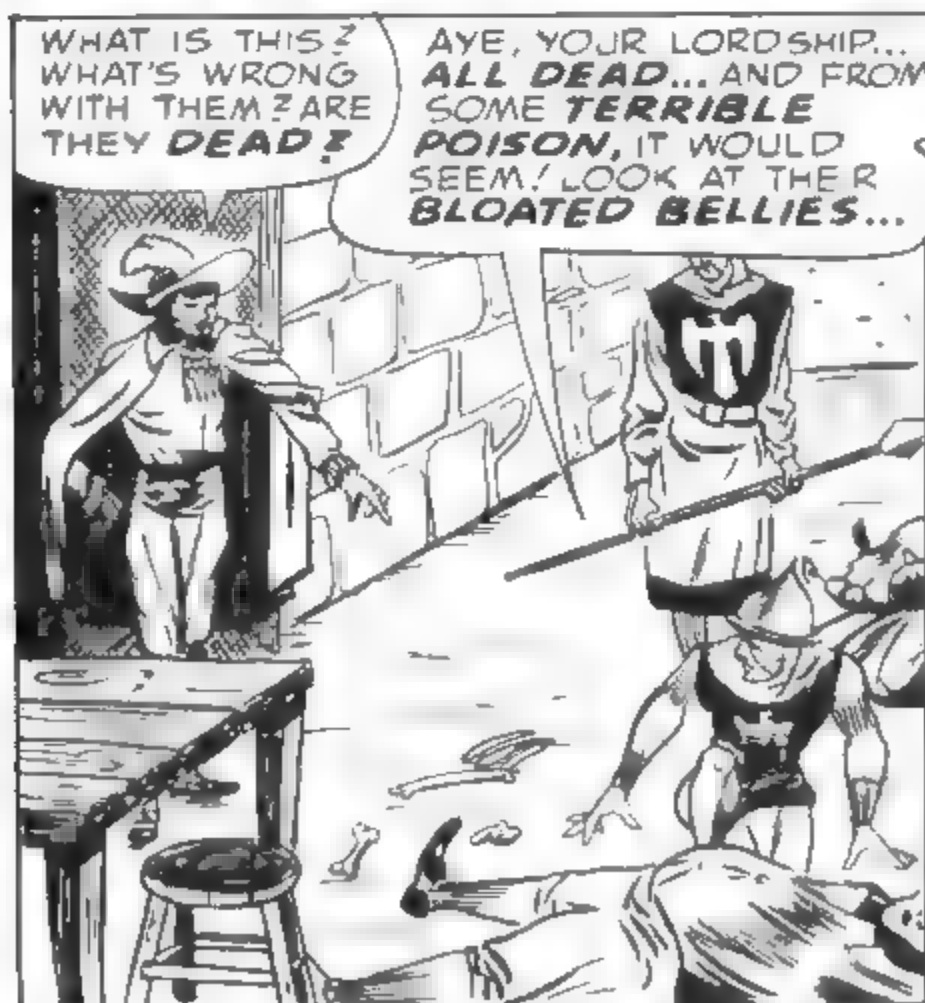
UGH!

CRACK!

THE NEXT MORNING, THE MARQUIS  
DE VIELOT, WITH A PLATOON OF  
GUARDSMEN, CAME TO THE  
DUNGEON TO REMOVE THE  
PRISONERS TO THE GALLOWS!



COCHON! COCHON!  
WHERE IS THAT **FAT  
PIG** OF A JAILER?  
ONE OF YOU  
OPEN THAT  
DOOR!



WHAT IS THIS?  
WHAT'S WRONG  
WITH THEM? ARE  
THEY **DEAD?**

AYE, YOUR LORDSHIP...  
**ALL DEAD...** AND FROM  
SOME **TERRIBLE  
POISON**, IT WOULD  
SEEM! LOOK AT THE **R  
BLOATED BELLIES...**



**POISON?**  
HOW CAME  
THEY BY  
**POISON?**

COCHON!  
WHERE IS  
COCHON?

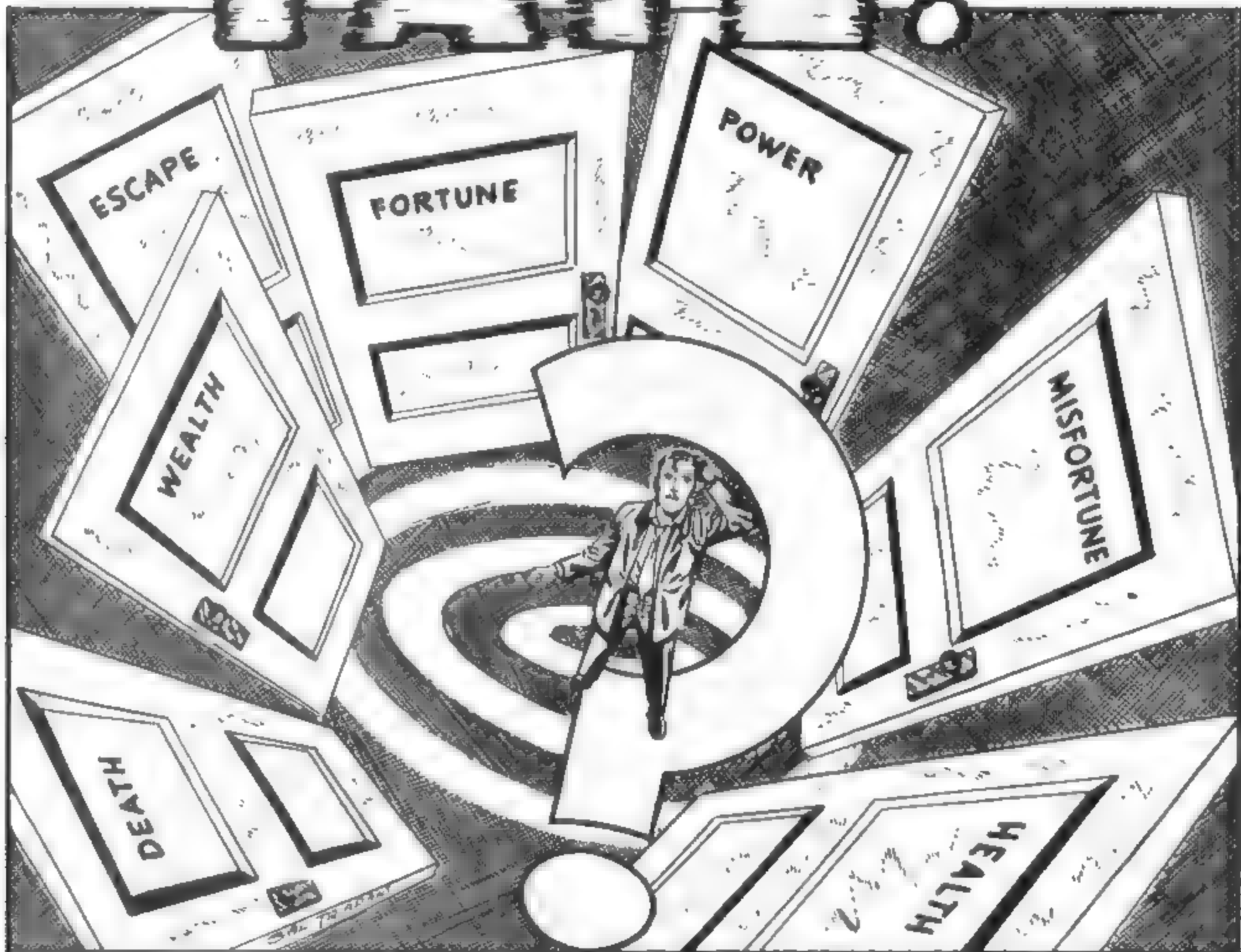
THE END

WHERE DO YOU THINK?



DO YOU THINK YOU CAN SHAPE YOUR OWN FUTURE... THAT YOUR DESTINY IS IN YOUR OWN HANDS... THAT YOU CAN PULL THE STRINGS TO YOUR FUTURE... MAYBE SO... MAYBE SO... MAYBE IT'S...

# FATE!



THAT'S WHAT ROCKY WEBSTER THOUGHT TOO... HE HAD PLANNED THIS HOLD-UP CAREFULLY... IT WAS A PUSHOVER... HE COULDN'T FAIL...



NOW MEET POLICEMAN TOM REED... HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH FATE... JUST A POLICEMAN TRYING TO DO HIS JOB...



ROCKY COULDN'T HELP GETTING AWAY WITH IT... HE HAD PLANNED IT TOO CAREFULLY...

NOW DITCH THE CAR! WE'LL CONTACT LATER!



LET'S SEE... TAKE THE ONE TO FAIRMONT, THEN GET A PLANE CONNECTION EAST... SURE, CAN'T MISS!



AND SO HE TOOK THE LEFT ROAD... WHY? WHO KNOWS... FATE... MAYBE...



BUT HOW WAS HE TO KNOW THAT PATROLMAN TOM REED WOULD TAKE THE SAME ROAD... WHY DID TOM REED TAKE THE SAME ROAD... MAYBE IT WAS FATE...



BUT HE WASN'T QUICK ENOUGH... FAST ENOUGH...

I'M HIT... I'M HIT!



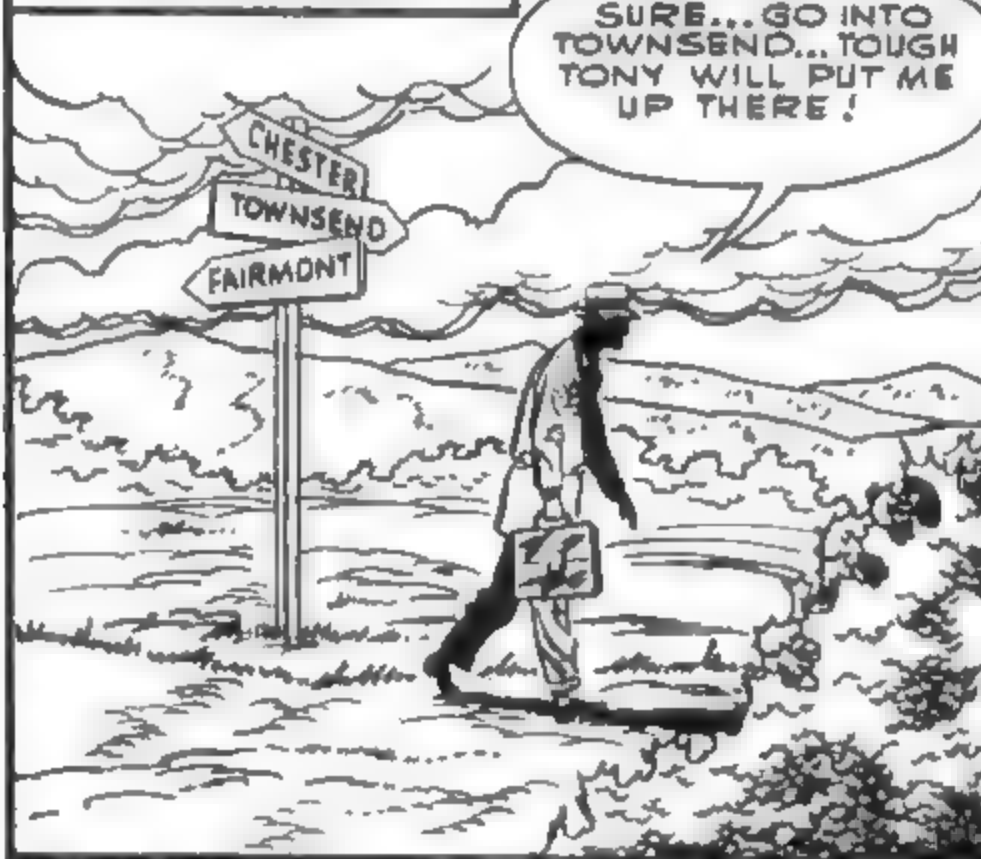
GUESS HE HAD TAKEN THE WRONG ROAD AFTER ALL... FATE HAD DECIDED IT FOR HIM... BUT HAD PULLED A DOUBLE CROSS...

LOOKS LIKE HE LEARNED HIS LESSON... THE HARD WAY!





DO YOU DISAGREE? THEN LET'S GO BACK A LITTLE... LET'S SUPPOSE HE HAD TAKEN THE OTHER ROAD...



SURE... GO INTO TOWNSEND... TOUGH TONY WILL PUT ME UP THERE!

AND SO HE TOOK THE OTHER ROAD... THE ONE TO TOWNSEND... MAYBE THIS WAS THE ONE TO FREEDOM... MASE FATE HAD PREDETERMINED IT...



TONY'S GOT TO PUT ME UP... HE OWES ME A FAVOR!

AND SO...



SO IT WAS YOU THAT PULLED THAT CAPER! SHOULD HAVE FIGURED... SURE, I'LL PUT YOU UP!

THAT SQUARES US, TONY!

IT WAS EASY THIS WAY... NOTHING TO DO BUT SWEAT IT OUT...



STAY HERE A COUPLE OF WEEKS AND THEN BLOW...

BUT A FEW DAYS LATER...



COPIES! MUST BE AFTER ME! SOMEBODY SQUEALED!

HE DID HIS BEST TO ESCAPE BUT FATE STEPPED IN...



GOTTA GET AWAY... GOTTA GET AWAY...

THERE'S ANOTHER! STOP OR I'LL SHOOT!

BLAM!  
WHAM!  
CRACK!

THAT HAD BEEN THE WRONG ROAD TOO... HORRIBLY WRONG... FATE WAS A WICKED TASKMASTER...



FUNNY! THE OTHERS SAID HE WASN'T WITH THIS GANG... BUT WE WANTED HIM ANYWAY!

YEAH... GUESS IT'S FATE!

SO LET'S PUT HIM BACK ON THE ROAD AGAIN... LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS IF FATE CHANGES IT'S MIND...

HMMM, I WONDER... SURE, WHY NOT!



SURE, WHY SHOULDN'T IT WORK? HE WAS PLAYING IT SMART... HE WAS TAKING FATE INTO THE CHAIN HANDS...

THEY'LL NEVER THINK OF LOOKING FOR ME BACK IN TOWN... SMARTEST TRICK I'VE EVER PULLED!



SURE, IT WAS SIMPLE... OBVIOUS... SO MUCH THAT IT PROBABLY WOULD WORK...

LOOK AT THEM... I'M RIGHT UNDER THEIR NOSES AND THEY DON'T KNOW IT!



AND IT DID WORK... UP TO POINT...

HE'S HERE IN TOWN! SHOULD I BRING HIM IN!

NO! FIRST LET HIM LEAD US TO THE LOOT!



THE DAYS PASSED, AND AS THEY DID HE FELT MORE SECURE IN HIS SAFETY... EVEN VENTURED INTO THE STREET...

'EVENING, OFFICER!

'EVENING!



HE SMILED TO HIMSELF... LAUGHED... HE COULD AFFORD TO... EVERYTHING WAS GOING PERFECTLY, HE THOUGHT...

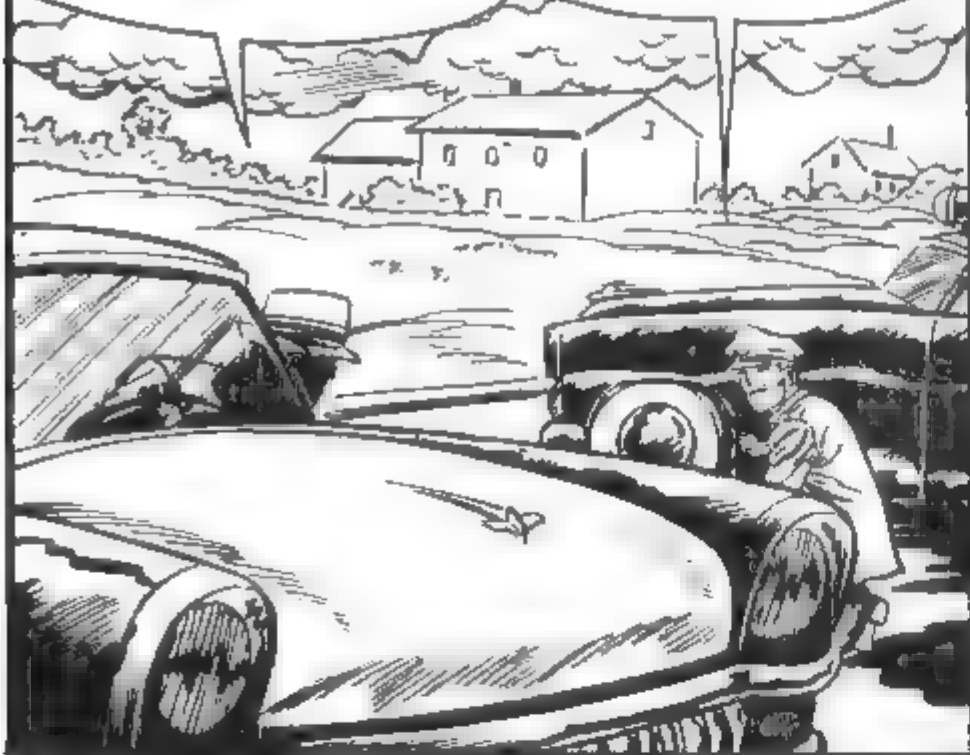




AND A FEW DAYS LATER...

NEED ANY HELP?  
TWO OF US CAN  
DO THE JOB FASTER,  
OFFICER!

NOT REALLY,  
BUT I GUESS  
YOU'RE RIGHT!



HOW WAS THE GANGSTER TO KNOW THIS HAD  
BEEN A PLANT...

SAY, AREN'T YOU  
A STRANGER  
AROUND HERE...  
THOUGHT I  
KNEW EVERY-  
ONE IN TOWN!

THAT'S RIGHT... I'M A  
SALESMAN... THE COM-  
PANY IS THINKING OF  
OPENING A BRANCH  
OFFICE HERE...  
SENT ME TO  
STUDY THE  
SITUATION!



TOM WAS A FRIENDLY GUY... MAYBE TOO  
FRIENDLY...

KNOW HOW LONELY  
IT IS IN A STRANGE  
TOWN... DROP DOWN  
AT THE GYM TONIGHT  
AND I'LL INTRODUCE  
YOU TO SOME OF  
MY PALS!

GREAT! SURE  
COULD USE  
A LITTLE  
ENTERTAIN-  
MENT!



WHAT A LAUGH... IMAGINE HIM BEING  
FRIENDLY WITH THE POLICE... GUESS  
ROCKY HAD TAKEN THE RIGHT ROAD...  
GUESS FATE WAS KIND TO HIM...



AND IN THE DAYS THAT FOLLOWED, THE TWO OF THEM BECAME EVEN FRIENDLIER...  
THERE WAS NO REASON FOR TOM TO SUSPECT HIM... HE WAS JUST A SALESMAN,  
WASN'T HE?

SAY, THAT WAS  
SOME SHOT! WHERE  
DID YOU LEARN TO  
PLAY LIKE THAT?

OH, I'VE  
BEEN  
AROUND...  
BEEN  
AROUND!

ANOTHER  
STRIKE!

GETTING  
PRETTY LUCKY...  
PRETTY  
LUCKY!

...MEET CHIEF  
WILKINS!



**W**EEKS PASSED AND HE BECAME EVEN MORE FRIENDLY WITH THE POLICEMAN, JUST FOR LAUGHS...



**W**HY DID HE PICK IT UP? WHO KNOWS... MAYBE FATE SAID TO...



**H**E MEANT TO PUT IT BACK... MEANT TO...

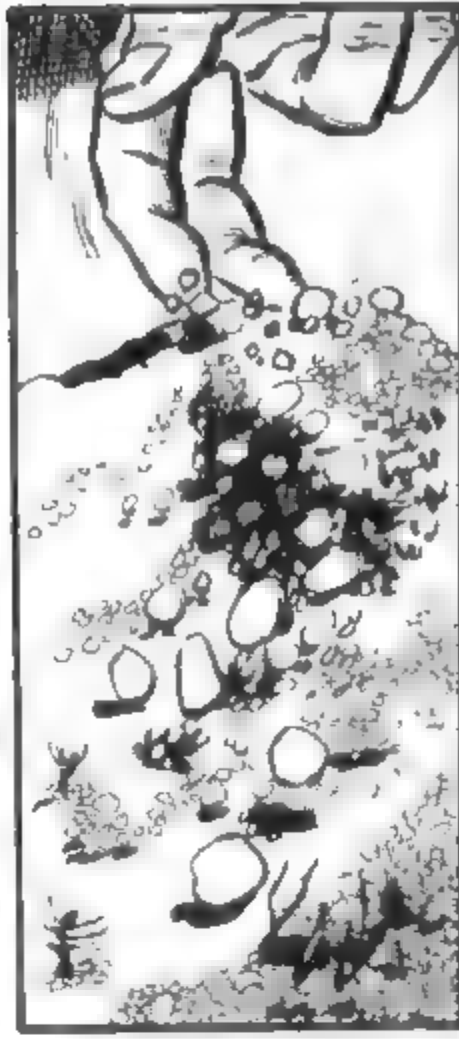
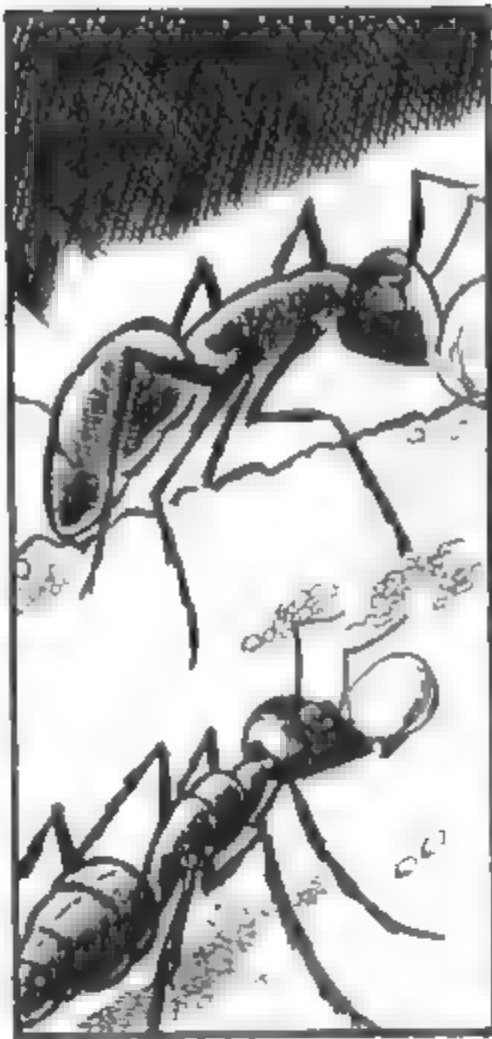


**A** CHANCE IN A THOUSAND... A MILLION... BUT HE HAD PULLED THE STRING... HAD NO ONE TO BLAME BUT HIMSELF...



**S**O YOU THINK YOU CAN CONTROL YOUR OWN DESTINY... YOUR FUTURE... YOUR FATE... THEN WHICH ROAD WOULD YOU HAVE TAKEN... MAYBE HE HAD TAKEN THE WRONG ONE... BUT IT WAS DETERMINED THAT WAY... THIS WAS HIS **END!**





**A**NTS ARE INSIGNIFICANT LITTLE THINGS, AREN'T THEY? NEVER GIVE THEM MUCH THOUGHT, DO YOU? WELL, YOU SHOULDN'T, UNLESS THEY PULL A SWITCH AND PLAY---

# TURNABOUT



YOU SEEM TO GET A KICK OUT OF TORTURING THOSE THINGS, DON'T YOU? WHY CAN'T YOU LEAVE THEM ALONE?

AWWW---I AIN'T HURTING NO-BODY! I GET A KICK OUT OF WATCHING THEM...THEY NEVER GIVE UP! I KEEP KNOCKING THE SAND DOWN THE HOLE AND THEY KEEP TAKING IT OUT! I NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT!

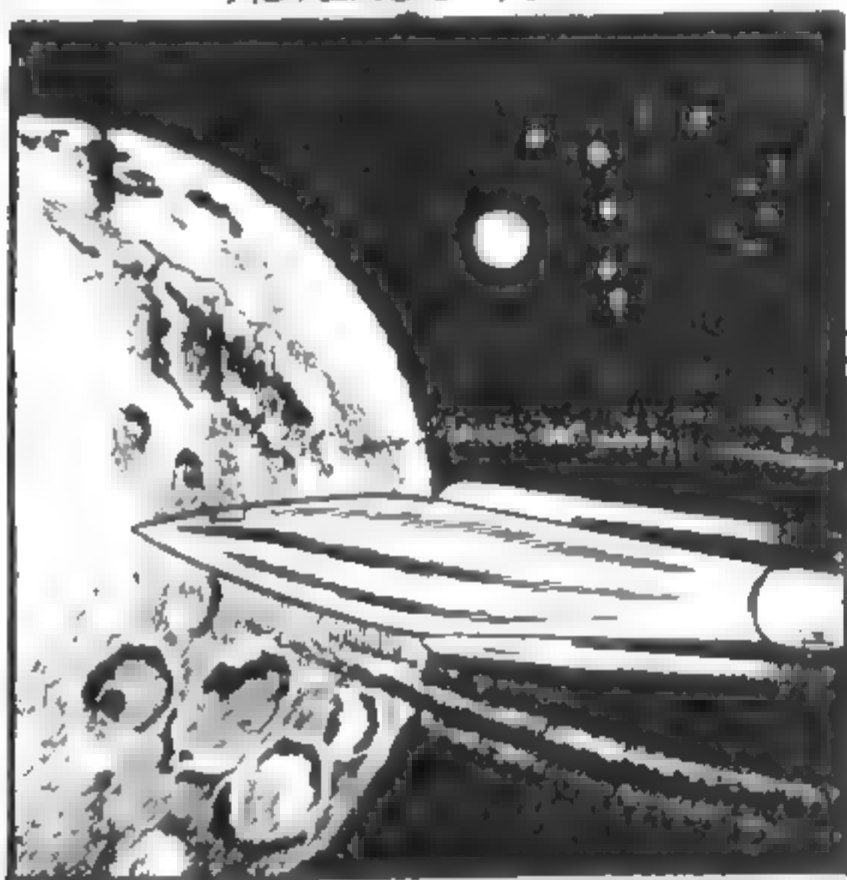


LET'S FORGET ABOUT THE ANTS, COMMANDER! WHERE WE HEADED FOR THIS TIME?

GOT AN EXPLORATION MISSION ON A NEW ASTEROID IN SECTOR B-4. THEY WANT US TO SEE IF THERE'S ANY LIFE ON IT!



**A** WHILE LATER, THE SPACE SHIP LANDED AT ITS DESTINATION... ASTEROID X...



SURE IS GOOD TO STRETCH OUR LEGS... BUT THIS PLACE LOOKS DESERTED! LOOKS LIKE WE CAME ALL THE WAY FOR NOTHING!

CAN'T TELL YET...BETTER PLAY IT CAREFUL! BUT WE WON'T NEED THESE MASKS, THE AEROMIXTURE INDICATOR SAYS THERE'S PLENTY OF OXYGEN IN THE AIR!



THE REST OF YOU MEN STAY CLOSE TO THE SHIP! GUS AND I WILL HAVE A LOOK AROUND!

OKAY, COMMANDER, AND IF WE DON'T HEAR FROM YOU IN TWO HOURS, WE'LL COME LOOKING FOR THE BOTH OF YOU!



HEY, COMMANDER! LOOK AT THESE HOLES! WONDER WHAT THEY'RE FOR!

MIGHT BE ANTS, EH, GUS? BUT FROM THE SIZE OF THESE HOLES, I DON'T THINK YOU'LL BE ABLE TO BLOCK THEM UP SO EASILY THIS TIME!







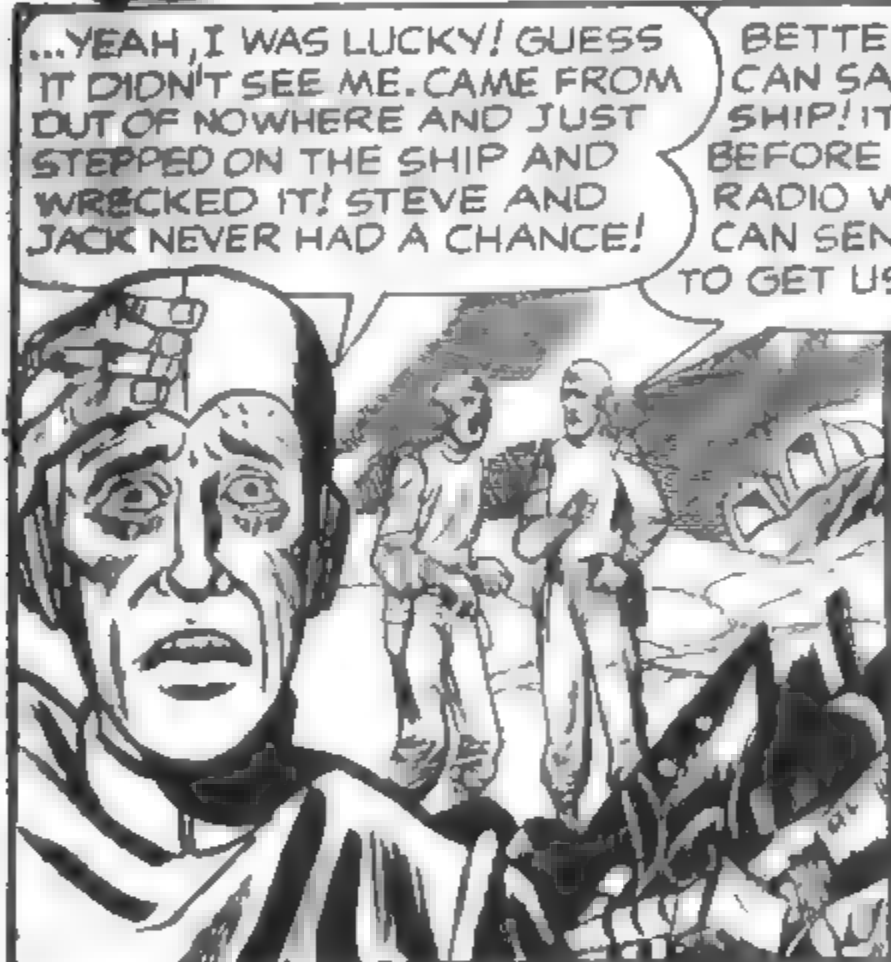
WHAT WAS THAT?

THAT WAS FROM THE SHIP! C'MON, GUS, SOMETHING'S WRONG BACK THERE!



LOOK AT THAT THING! IT'S GOT STEVE AND JACK!

LOOKS LIKE IT RUINED THE SHIP, TOO! LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENED TO TOM!



...YEAH, I WAS LUCKY! GUESS IT DIDN'T SEE ME. CAME FROM OUT OF NOWHERE AND JUST STEPPED ON THE SHIP AND WRECKED IT! STEVE AND JACK NEVER HAD A CHANCE!

BETTER SEE WHAT WE CAN SALVAGE OUT OF THE SHIP! IT'LL BE SOME TIME BEFORE WE CAN GET THE RADIO WORKING SO THEY CAN SEND A RELIEF SHIP TO GET US OFF THIS PLACE!



FOOD'S NO GOOD, SIR... GOT MIXED UP WITH SOME OF THE MEDICAL SUPPLIES!

GUESS WE BETTER SEE WHAT THIS ASTROID'S GOT TO OFFER... MUST BE SOME KIND OF FOOD AROUND!

A WHILE LATER...



HAVEN'T SEEN A THING THAT LOOKS LIKE FOOD, COMMANDER! WHAT DO WE DO NOW?

KEEP LOOKING! WE DON'T HAVE MUCH CHOICE!



IT'S BACK AGAIN!

C'MON, GET OUTA HERE!



C'MON, WE'D BETTER GET THESE ROCKS OUT OF HERE BEFORE THEY SUFFOCATE US!

GUESS THAT THING'S GOT MORE BRAINS THAN WE COUNTED ON!



A WHILE LATER...

WHEW... I'M POOPED! THAT WAS HARD WORK!

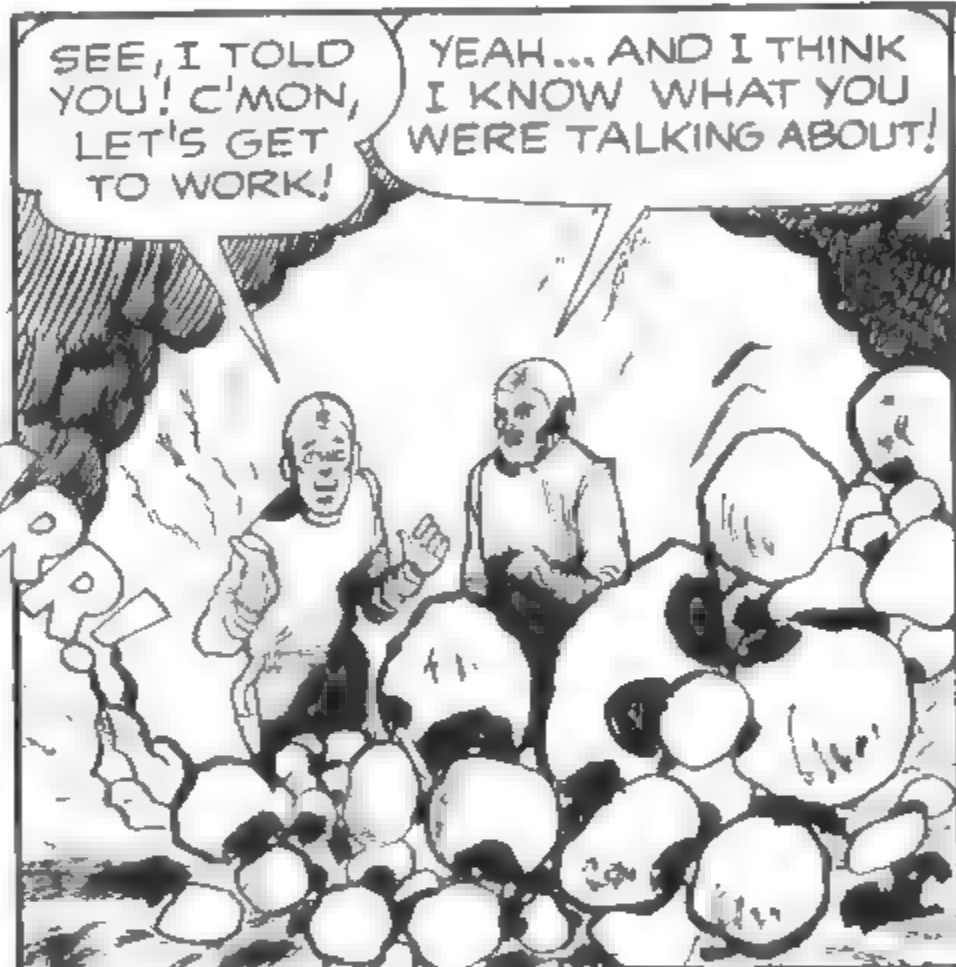
KNOW WHAT THIS REMINDS ME OF? THINK HARD, GUS... **THINK HARD!**



WHAT DO YOU MEAN? HEY, WHAT WAS **THAT**?

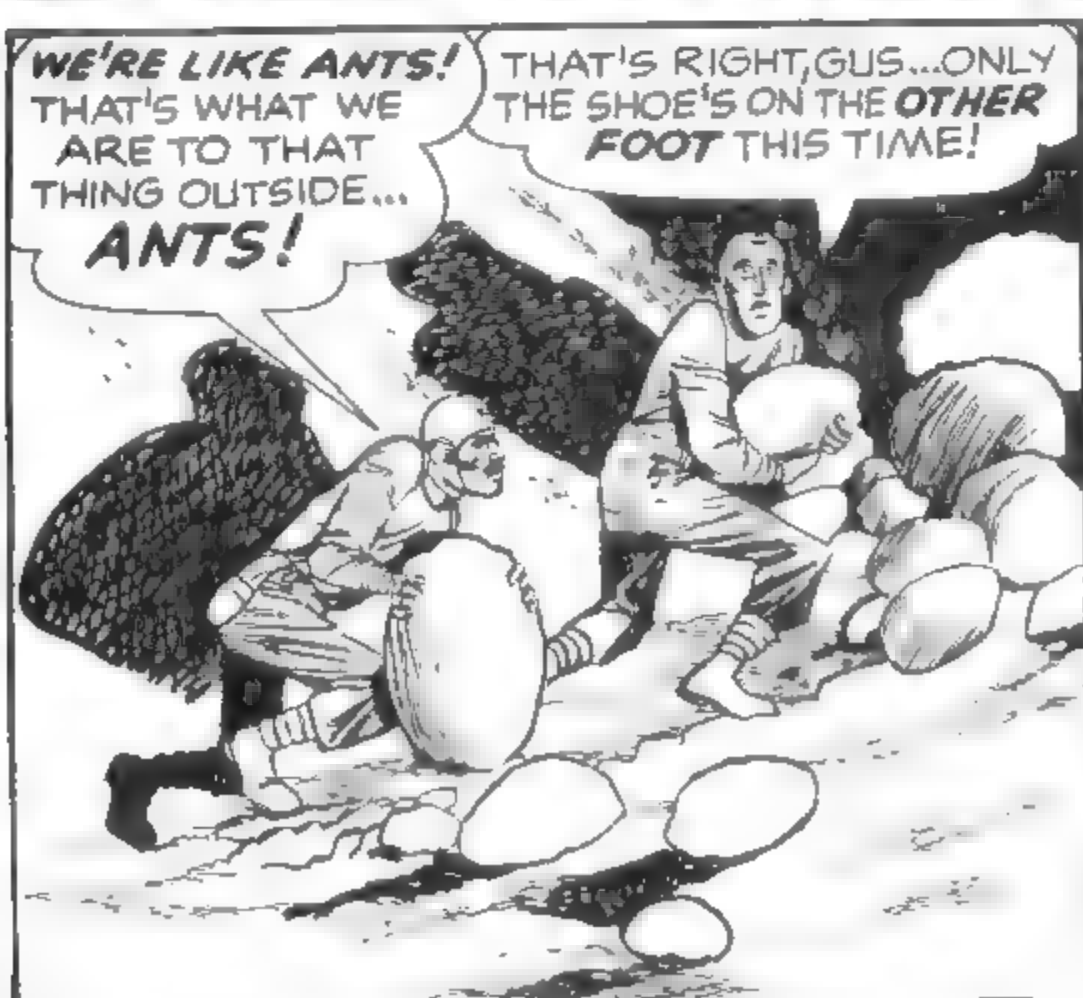
**THE MONSTER!** I DON'T THINK HE'S FINISHED WITH US!

RRROAR!



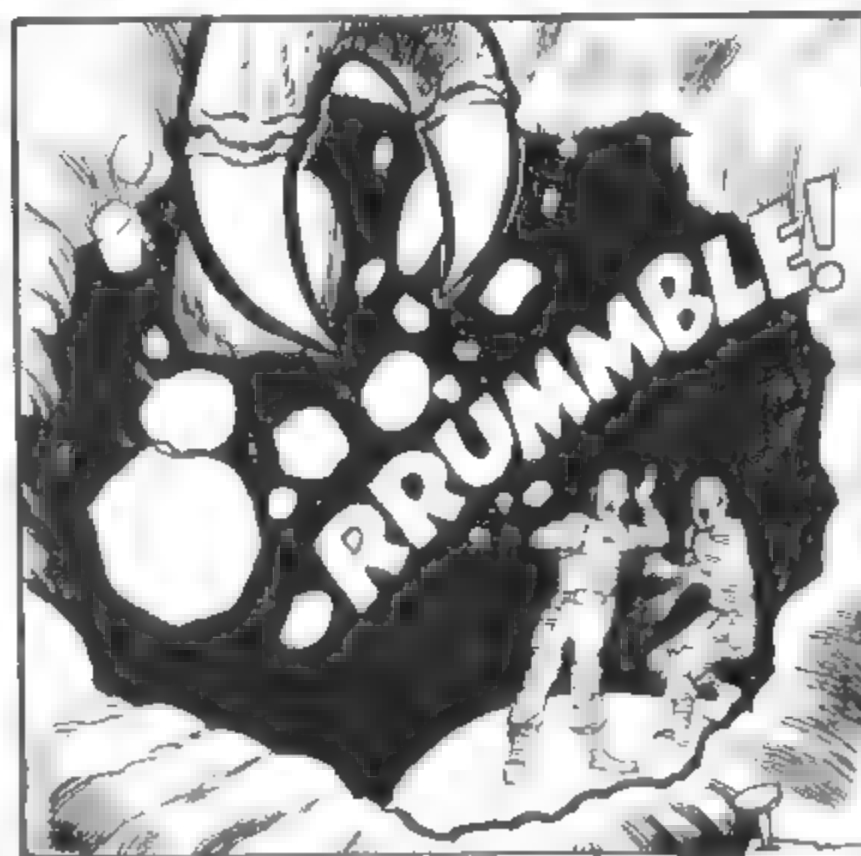
SEE, I TOLD YOU! C'MON, LET'S GET TO WORK!

YEAH... AND I THINK I KNOW WHAT YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT!



**WE'RE LIKE ANTS!** THAT'S WHAT WE ARE TO THAT THING OUTSIDE... **ANTS!**

THAT'S RIGHT, GUS... ONLY THE SHOE'S ON THE **OTHER FOOT** THIS TIME!



RRUMBLE!

YES, **ANTS** ARE INSIGNIFICANT THINGS. ALL DEPENDS ON HOW YOU LOOK AT IT!

**THE END.**



GO AHEAD AND LAUGH... I DID TOO! WHO CAN BELIEVE IN JINXES... IN WHAMMYS... IN AN...

# EVIL EYE!



BUT THAT DAY IN COURT I WASN'T THINKING ABOUT JINXES...

AND FOR EMBEZZLEMENT, THE COURT SENTENCES YOU TO FIVE YEARS IN JAIL!

I WAS FRAMED!  
I WAS FRAMED!

AND I HAD BEEN FRAMED... BY THE MAN WHO HAD BEEN MY PARTNER... HE HAD DONE THE EMBEZZLING... BUT HAD MADE IT LOOK LIKE I WAS THE GUILTY PARTY!

I'LL GET YOU FOR THIS, SCHMIDT... I'LL GET YOU IF IT'S THE LAST THING I DO!

TAKE IT EASY, WAGNER... YOU ONLY GOT WHAT YOU DESERVE!



THIS COULDN'T BE HAPPENING TO ME...IT COULDN'T!

IN YOU GO PAL! YOUR HOME FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS!



I'LL GET YOU, SCHMIDT! I'LL GET YOU! YOU WON'T GET AWAY WITH IT!



IT HAD ALWAYS BEEN LIKE THAT... SCHMIDT CONNING, CHEATING...GETTING THE BEST OF ME...

HE STOLE HER... STOLE MY GIRL!

SORRY, MR. WAGNER... YOU DIDN'T SELL IN TIME!

BUT SCHMIDT SAID NOT TO... SAID TO HOLD IT!

BUT YOU SAID THESE WERE WORTHLESS... OLD...NO GOOD! THAT'S WHY I SOLD THEM TO YOU!

AND THEY TURNED OUT TO BE COLLECTOR'S ITEMS... WASN'T THAT LUCKY OF ME!



THAT SHOULD BE ME GETTING THE AWARD...IT WAS ALL MY WORK, AND HE TOOK THE CREDIT!

BUT I KNEW I WOULDN'T DO ANYTHING TO SCHMIDT... I COULDN'T... I WAS AFRAID TO... AFRAID OF HIM...

JUST HAVE TO TAKE IT-- LET HIM GET AWAY WITH IT!



IT WAS THEN THAT I FELT THE HAND ON MY BACK... CALMING ME... REASSURING ME... AND FOR A WHILE I WAS AT PEACE...

THERE, THERE, TAKE IT EASY, SON... TAKE IT EASY!





IT WAS MY CELLMATE... A LIKEABLE OLD GENT... AND SINCE I HAD TO TELL SOMEONE MY PROBLEM, I WAS SOON POURING OUT THE ENTIRE STORY TO HIM...

...AND THAT'S WHY I'M HERE... I'VE BEEN FRAMED! FRAMED BY A MAN WHO HAS RUINED MY ENTIRE LIFE!

THEY ALL SAY THAT WHEN THEY'RE BEHIND BARS... I'VE HEARD HUNDREDS OF STORIES LIKE YOURS!



BUT I BELIEVE YOU... YOUR PARTNER IS AN EVIL MAN—AND FOR THAT HE WILL SUFFER... I WILL HELP YOU REPAY HIM!

HELP ME? HOW?



WITH THIS! THE CASTER OF EVIL SPELLS! CAST HIS EYE UPON THE WRONG DOER AND HE SHALL PAY FOR HIS CRIMES!



IT WAS CRAZY, BUT HE WAS A NICE OLD COOT SO I PLAYED ALONG WITH HIM...

THE GOOD SHALL BENEFIT FROM IT, THE EVIL SHALL SUFFER... HERE, IT IS YOURS!

SURE, POP... SURE!



THE YEARS PASSED, AND FINALLY I GOT MY CHANCE TO APPEAR BEFORE THE PAROLE BOARD...

THE ONE IN THE MIDDLE IS TOUGH... I DON'T THINK HE WANTS TO LET ME OUT!

I DON'T KNOW WHY I DID IT... SOMETHING SEEMED TO HAVE COME OVER ME... BUT IT WAS WORTH A TRY ANYWAY...

HE SAID THE GOOD SHALL BENEFIT... WELL, DO YOUR STUFF!

AND IT WORKED! IT WORKED!

AND IT IS UNANIMOUSLY AGREED THAT A PAROLE SHALL BE GRANTED IN YOUR CASE!



I WAS FREE! FREE! WAS IT BECAUSE OF THE EVIL EYE... I DIDN'T KNOW... I DIDN'T CARE... I WAS ON THE OUTSIDE!

FRESH AIR NEVER SMELLED SO GOOD... NOW TO TAKE CARE OF MR. SCHMIDT!



A FEW DAYS LATER I WAS OUTSIDE THE OFFICE DOOR... AN OFFICE THAT USED TO BELONG TO ME... THAT SOON AGAIN...

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IT WAS GOOD TO SEE HIM TREMBLE... SEE THE FRIGHT ON HIS FACE...

DON'T GET UP, SCHMIDT... IT'S BETTER THAT YOU STAY SEATED TO HEAR WHAT I HAVE TO SAY!



I WAS FEELING GOOD... FINE... FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THREE YEARS...

DON'T WORRY, SCHMIDT, I'M NOT GOING TO KILL YOU...

YOU'RE NOT!



...NO, NOT RIGHT NOW! I'M GOING TO DO WHEN YOU DON'T EXPECT IT... MAYBE TOMORROW... OR THE NEXT DAY... OR NEXT MONTH... BUT SOMEDAY I'LL GET YOU... AND IN THE MEANTIME YOU'LL SUFFER LIKE I HAVE!



OH, BUT REVENGE WAS SWEET... SO WONDERFULLY SWEET!

GOODBYE SCHMIDT... SEE YOU AROUND... HA! HA! HA!



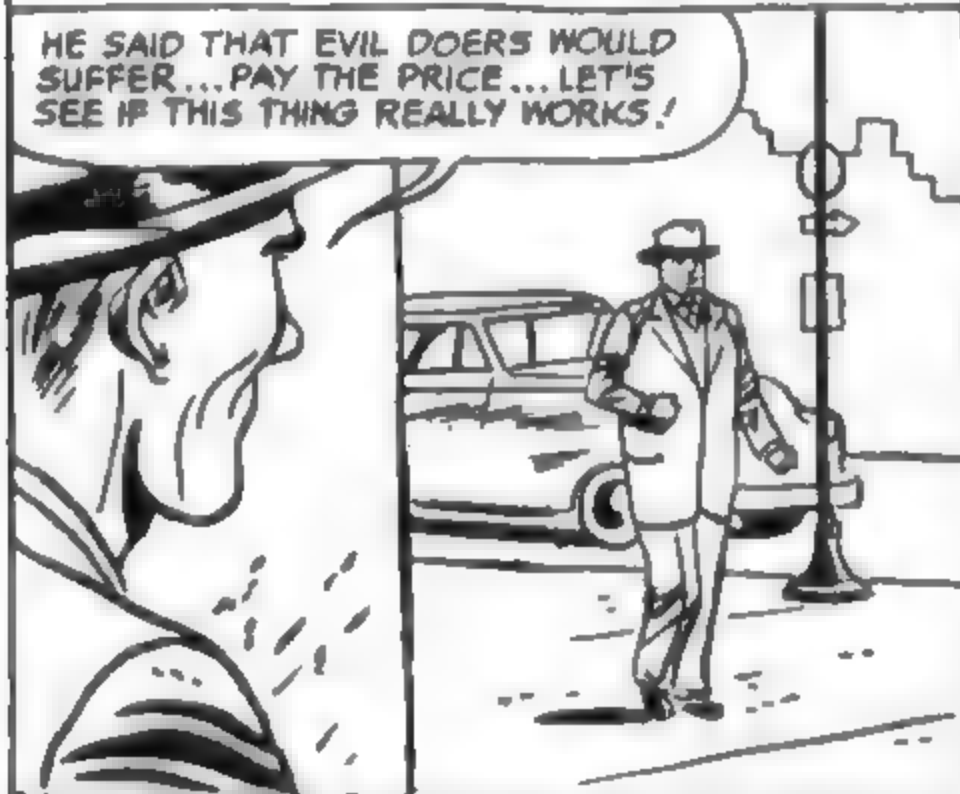


AND IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS I MADE HIM PAY ME BACK... A HUNDRED TIMES OVER... FOR I LEARNED HIS DAILY ROUTINE AND APPEARED AT THE RIGHT MOMENT... AND POOR SCHMIDT NEVER KNEW IF THAT MINUTE WAS TO BE HIS LAST!



THEN I DECIDED... THIS WAS IT... AND I REMEMBERED THE STATUETTE... IT HAD WORKED BEFORE... MAYBE IT WOULD WORK AGAIN...

HE SAID THAT EVIL DOERS WOULD SUFFER... PAY THE PRICE... LET'S SEE IF THIS THING REALLY WORKS!



BUT THEN...

NO! I CAN'T DO IT! MAYBE IT'S EVERYTHING THAT THE OLD MAN SAID IT WAS... I DON'T WANT TO KILL SCHMIDT!



I WATCHED THE PETRIFIED SCHMIDT DISAPPEAR... SAW HOW HE HAD SUFFERED... AND I WAS SATISFIED...

IT'S ENOUGH... I DON'T WANT REVENGE ANYMORE... I'LL LEAVE HIM ALONE... HE'S PAID THE PRICE!



SUDDENLY I WAS AT PEACE WITH THE WORLD... A NEW FEELING HAD COME OVER ME...

I'VE WASTED ENOUGH TIME ON HIM... MY LIFE ISN'T OVER... I CAN START ALL OVER! AND I'LL GET TO THE TOP!



I FORGOT ALL ABOUT SCHMIDT AND THREW MYSELF INTO WORK... AND AS THE OLD MAN HAD SAID... THE GOOD SHALL BENEFIT... WELL, IT CERTAINLY WORKED, FOR IN A FEW YEARS I WAS AT THE TOP...

I'M GOING TO THE CLUB, MISS HARRIS... WON'T BE BACK!



AND AS I WAS WALKING TOWARD THE CLUB...

POP! IT'S ME, WAGNER... DON'T YOU REMEMBER?

OF COURSE I DO, SON... I SEE THAT YOU HAVE BENEFITED FROM THE CHARM!



AND I SUPPOSE YOU TOOK CARE OF THE MAN WHO FRAMED YOU TOO?

NO, NOT REALLY... FOR I NEVER DID BELIEVE IN THIS CHARM OF YOURS... STILL DON'T!



I DON'T KNOW WHAT MADE ME DO IT, BUT I HAD TO PROVE HE WAS WRONG...

SEE, IF IT WORKS, WHY DON'T ANY OF THOSE PEOPLE KEEL OVER?

NONE OF THEM HAVE HARMED YOU, WAGNER... THAT'S THE REASON!



THEY WALKED AWAY FROM THE SCENE WITHOUT NOTICING THE AMBULANCE THAT WAS PULLING UP AROUND THE CORNER...

THIS IS THE BUILDING... HOPE WE'RE STILL IN TIME!



...TOO LATE, THAT FELLOW SCHMIDT DIED OF A HEART ATTACK!

THAT'S FUNNY, HE JUST TOLD ME THE OTHER DAY THAT HE HAD A CHECK-UP AND WAS IN PERFECT HEALTH!



The End



THE THINGS THAT I WANTED COULDN'T BE BOUGHT WITH NICKELS AND DIMES... IT TOOK BIG MONEY! AND RIGHT NOW I WAS AFTER IT... I HAD PLANNED IT WELL... RIGHT NOW I WAS GOING TO GET MY...

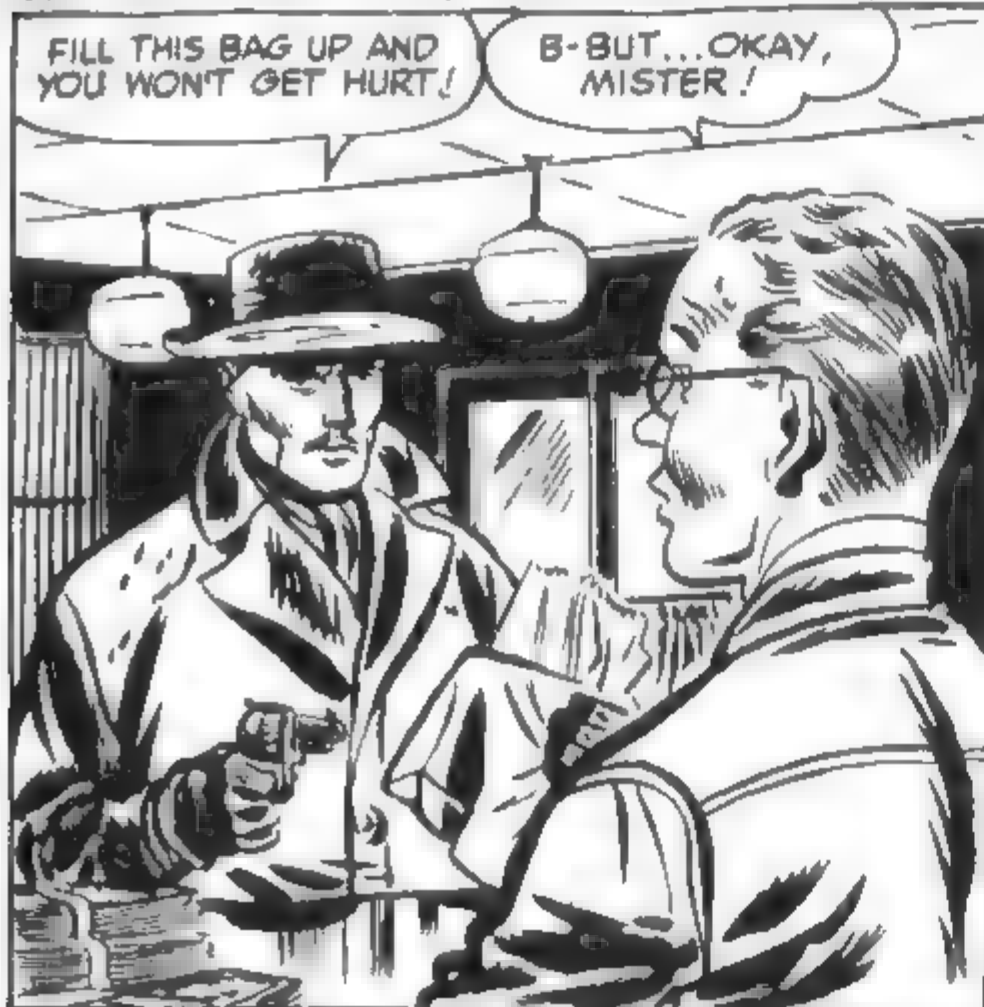
# COLD CASH!



I WANTED TO RUN... I WAS SCARED... BUT THE SIGHT OF THAT MONEY KEPT ME GOING...

FILL THIS BAG UP AND YOU WON'T GET HURT!

B-BUT... OKAY, MISTER!



I WAS SHAKING WITH FEAR... I FELT THAT EVERY EYE WAS ON ME... BUT I HAD AT LEAST \$100,000 IN THAT PAPER BAG... COLD CASH... ALL MINE!

ACT NORMAL... DON'T RUN... NOBODY'LL NOTICE ME!



I WALKED OUT OF THE BANK INTO THE STORM WIND AND SNOW LASHED AT ME, BUT I DIDN'T EVEN NOTICE IT... ALL I COULD THINK OF WAS THE MONEY... MY MONEY!



I DROVE SLOWLY DOWN THE MAIN STREET OF THE TOWN... TOWARD THE HIGHWAY...

NOT TOO FAST! DON'T WANT TO ATTRACT ANY ATTENTION!



I HEARD THE SHOTS THEN... BUT DIDN'T HAVE TO WORRY... THE STORM HAD HIT FULL FORCE... TAKE MORE THAN AN OLD BANK GUARD TO AIM IN THIS WEATHER!

STOP! BANK ROBBERY!



I HEADED NORTH ON THE SUPERHIGHWAY... AWAY FROM THE SMALL TOWN...

RICH! I'M RICH!







\$100,000! AND IT'S ALL MINE! I'VE WAITED YEARS FOR A DEAL LIKE THIS... AND NOW I'VE DONE IT!



SOUTH AMERICA! THAT'S WHERE I'M HEADING... NEVER FIND ME DOWN THERE... CAN LIVE LIKE A KING! NO WORRIES... NO PROBLEMS... JUST ME AND MY MONEY!



GETTING WORSE! CAN HARDLY SEE NOW! A REAL BLIZZARD!



I TURNED ON THE RADIO TO HEAR ABOUT THE ROBBERY... BUT COULD ONLY GET WEATHER REPORTS...

ATTENTION ALL MOTORISTS! THE BLIZZARD HAS STRUCK! ALL ROADS DANGEROUS! YOU ARE WARNED TO STOP DRIVING AND TAKE SHELTER UNTIL THE STORM ENDS!



NEVER FIGURED ON THE STORM HELPING ME OUT... THAT POSSE WON'T FOLLOW ME IN WEATHER LIKE THIS... I'LL PUT PLENTY OF MILES BETWEEN US BEFORE THEY DO!



I COULDN'T RESIST TOUCHING THE MONEY... MY MONEY... HARD CASH... AND ALL MINE! MINE TO DO WITH AS I PLEASED... MINE TO GET ME ALL THE THINGS I WANTED!

SOUTH AMERICA, HERE WE COME!

SUDDENLY I FELT THE CAR SWERVE... SKID... I STRUGGLED WITH THE WHEEL... FOUGHT IT... FELT IT COME TO A STOP...

WHEW!  
WORSE THAN I THOUGHT!



AND THEN... WHAT'S WRONG  
...WHY DOESN'T  
SHE GO... MUST BE  
STUCK!



I FOUGHT MY WAY THROUGH THE STORM TO THE REAR OF THE CAR... AND SAW THE REASON...

WHAT A TIME TO GET STUCK IN A DRIFT! CAN'T DIG IT OUT IN THIS WEATHER... JUST GOTTA SIT TIGHT UNTIL IT BLOWS OVER!



MUST HAVE SAT THERE ABOUT AN HOUR... AND THEN...

GAS! OUT OF GAS!  
AND THE HEATER DOESN'T WORK  
IF THE MOTOR ISN'T GOING!



SNUG AS A BUG IN A RUG... NOTHING TO DO BUT WAIT!



IT DIDN'T TAKE LONG FOR THE COLD TO SEEP INTO THE CAR... FREEZING, BITING COLD...

CAN'T STAY HERE! GOTTA FIND SHELTER... HAVE TO GET OUT OF THE STORM!





I STEPPED OUT OF THE CAR AND FELT THE FULL FORCE OF THE STORM STRIKE ME...THE BITING COLD PENETRATE MY CLOTHES...



THE SNOW WAS SO THICK THAT I COULDN'T SEE TWO FEET IN FRONT OF ME... BUT I COULDN'T STAY IN THE CAR... THAT WAS SURE DEATH...

THOUGHT... I SAW... SOMETHING... MAYBE... A... HOUSE... GASP... GOTTA... FIND... SHELTER... COLD... SO... VERY... COLD!



IT BECAME A PERSONAL DUAL BETWEEN THE STORM AND MYSELF... I COULD FEEL IT TRYING TO TEAR THE MONEY FROM MY GRASP... BUT I WOULDN'T LET IT... NOT AFTER WHAT I HAD BEEN THROUGH!

COLD... SO... VERY... COLD! WHERE'S... THAT... HOUSE... MUST... FIND... THAT... HOUSE!



I FELL FROM EXHAUSTION! IT WAS NICE JUST LAYING THERE... DIDN'T EVEN FEEL THE COLD... SLEEP & GIVE ALL THE MONEY BACK IF I COULD ONLY SLEEP.

CAN'T! MUST... GET... UP... MUST... FIGHT... IT! IT WASN'T WORTH IT... IT WASN'T WORTH IT!



THROUGH A BREAK IN THE STORM I SAW THE EMBANKMENT... IT WASN'T MUCH, BUT IT WAS BETTER THAN NOTHING!

SHIELD... ME... FROM... THE WIND... THE COLD... MUST... MAKE IT!



AND I MADE IT... DON'T KNOW HOW, BUT SUDDENLY I WAS AGAINST THE EMBANKMENT...

STILL... COLD... SO... VERY... COLD... MUST... FIND... SHELTER!



SAVED! SALVATION!

A CAVE! AT LEAST I'LL BE OUT OF THE STORM!



A SHORT TIME LATER I WAS OUT OF THE STORM  
... SAVE IN THE CAVE!

STILL COLD! SO VERY COLD!  
GOTTA MAKE A FIRE!



LUCKILY I HAD A PACK OF MATCHES, BUT YOU  
NEED MORE THAN MATCHES TO HAVE A FIRE...

WOOD! NO WOOD!  
JUST STONES IN HERE!



I COULD FEEL THE COLD PENETRATING TO MY BONES  
... GNAWING AT ME...

C-C-C-C-AN'T S-S-S-S-TAND THIS  
COLD! MUST MAKE A FIRE!  
WHY DID I DO IT!



I HAD TO DO IT, IT WAS THE ONLY WAY...

HEAT... FEEL THE HEAT...  
SO GOOD... SO NICE AND  
WARM....!



IN TWO DAYS THE STORM BLEW ITSELF OUT!  
AND IT WAS AN EASY THING FOR THE STATE  
POLICE TO PICK UP THE TRAIL FROM THE  
ABANDONED CAR... THEY FOUND HIM ALL  
RIGHT...

FROZEN STIFF!  
COLD GOT HIM!  
HE'S BARELY ALIVE!

YEAH... AND THERE'S  
THE MONEY... OR  
WHAT'S LEFT OF IT!



TRIED  
TO LIGHT A FIRE WITH  
THE MONEY!



WHAT ELSE COULD GENE DO... HE FOUGHT  
AGAINST IT... BUT THE MONEY THAT MEANT SO  
MUCH TO HIM WAS HIS ONLY CHANCE... EVEN IF  
IT DIDN'T DO ANY GOOD... GUESS THAT'S WHAT  
THEY MEAN BY... COLD CASH!

THE END



# THE CURSE OF THE PIRATE'S GOLD

I THINK YOU'LL LIKE THIS ONE... A TALE OF WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A MODERN HOOD TRIES TO MATCH WITS WITH AN OLD PIRATE.... I'M NOT KIDDING YOU, BUT EVEN LONG JOHN SILVER WAS SPINNING IN HIS GRAVE OVER THIS! EDDIE WAS A CHEAP PUNK..... ALWAYS ON THE LOOKOUT FOR A FAST BUCK... BUT NEVER QUICK ENOUGH TO CATCH UP WITH IT! WE PICK HIM UP AFTER A BRUSH WITH THE LAW..... HE AND HIS GIRL, SAL, ARE HEADING TOWARD HER UNCLE SILAS' ISLAND FOR, SHALL WE SAY, AN ENFORCED VACATION!

I DON'T LIKE THIS, SAL.... THAT PLACE GIVES ME THE CREEPS! YOU SURE YOUR UNCLE STILL LIVES THERE? THINK MAYBE WE'D BETTER HEAD BACK!

TO WHAT..... TO THE COPS! THIS IS THE PERFECT PLACE TO HOLE UP UNTIL THINGS COOL OFF! AND DON'T WORRY ABOUT MY UNCLE, HE HASN'T SET FOOT OFF HIS ISLAND IN TWENTY YEARS!

WELL, WHERE IS HE? THOUGHT YOU SAID THE OLD GEEZER WOULD MEET US!

TAKE IT EASY, HONEY..... WE JUST GOT HERE! GIVE HIM A LITTLE TIME.

"NO EDDIE DIDN'T LIKE THE SET-UP... ESPECIALLY WHEN....."

AVAST! WHO GOES THERE?

WHAT THE... COME ON OUT... AND WITH YOUR HANDS UP!

THAT MUST BE UNCLE SILAS... I FORGOT TO TELL YOU ABOUT HIM.... HE'S A... LITTLE QUEER!

AHOY THERE MATEYS, GLAD TO HAVE YOU ABOARD! I'M CAP'N SILAS OF THE ILL-FATED SEA QUEEN! WELL, SHIVER MY TIMBERS, LITTLE SAL HERE SURE HAS BLOSSOMED INTO A TRIM LITTLE CRAFT!



"EDDIE SCRATCHED HIS HEAD, BUT SHRUGGED WHEN SAL MOTIONED THAT EVERYTHING WAS ALL RIGHT! HE HADN'T SEEN ANYTHING YET....."



"THEY WERE INSIDE THE HOUSE NOW.... OR SHOULD I SAY SHIP? WHAT WAS GOING ON HERE?"



"THE CAP'N TOOK THEM ON A TOUR OF HIS HOUSE, ER, SHIP, AND FINALLY IT WAS TIME TO TURN IN.... FOR AS CAP'N SILAS SAID, THEY WOULD HAVE THE EARLY WATCH....."



"EDDIE LISTENED TO THE STORY OF THE FRUSTRATED PIRATE... BUT THEN SOMETHING CAUGHT HIS EYE....."





"EDDIE FOLLOWED THE CAPTAIN AND THEN WONDERED WHY HE SUDDENLY DECIDED TO STOP WALKING....WHAT WAS HE WAITING FOR....."

"THEY WAITED A FEW MORE MOMENTS..... THE FRUSTRATED PIRATE AND THE CHEAP THUG..... AND THEN....."

JUST A FEW MINUTES MORE, ME HEARTIES.....THATS WHEN YOUR OLE SHIP-MATE'LL COME TO SIT A SPELL WITH YOU!

WHAT'S HE WAITIN' FOR NOW? OH, THIS BETTER BE GOOD... IT COST ME A NEW SUIT JUST TO FOLLOW THIS CRAZY COOT!

SO THAT'S WHAT HE WAS WAITING FOR... THE TIDE TO GO OUT! BET THAT'S WHERE HE KEEPS HIS TREASURE... IF IT REALLY EXISTS! MAYBE THIS GUY ISN'T AS BALMY AS HE LOOKS!



"EDDIE FOLLOWED THE OLD MAN INTO THE CAVE ....MAYBE HE WAS CRAZY MAYBE HE WASN'T ....BUT WHEN YOU LIVE BY THE ANGLES, YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO OVERLOOK ONE TRICK ....AND EDDIE WAS A GREAT ONE FOR PLAYING THE ANGLES...."

NOW WHERE DID HE GO? OH-OH, LOOKS LIKE HE FOUND WHAT HE WAS LOOKING FOR... BETTER GET A LITTLE CLOSER!



SHADES OF LONG JOHN SILVER...EITHER THIS GETS HEAVIER EVERYTIME I LIFT IT OR ELSE I'M GETTIN' OLD! YO-HO KIDD....FEAST YOUR EYE ON THIS!

FROM THE WAY HE'S STRUGGLING WITH THAT CHEST IT MUST BE LOADED!



IT'S ALL HERE, KIDD! BET YOU'RE SPINNIN' IN YOUR GRAVE TO SEE ME WITH YOUR TREASURE! FIVE THOUSAND....SIX THOUSAND....YUP IT'S ALL HERE!

CRAZY ALL RIGHT.. CRAZY AS A FOX! PASSES HIMSELF OFF AS NUTS SO NOBODY'LL BOTHER HIM ABOUT HIS MONEY! ONLY THING IS LITTLE EDDIE HERE CAN BE JUST AS CRAZY!



"THE HOOD HAD SEEN ENOUGH....NOW THE PROBLEM WAS HOW TO GET HIS GREEDY HANDS ON THE MONEY...BUT YOU FORGOT, EDDIE KNEW ALL THE ANGLES....."

THIS'LL BE LIKE TAKIN' CANDY FROM A BABY....A PERFECT SET-UP! AND TO THINK I WANTED TO LEAVE THIS PLACE! WELL, I'LL BE LEAVING IT ALL RIGHT... BUT WITH ALL THAT DOUGH!



WITHIN HIS EVIL  
BRAIN A PLAN HAD  
BEEN BORN! IT WAS  
PERFECT...HE COULD-  
N'T MISS! SO THE OLD  
BOY WANTED TO BE  
A SEA CAPTAIN, EH?  
WELL HERE'S WHERE  
HE HAD HIS WISH....  
ONLY HIS CREW WAS  
GOING TO MUTINY!



"HE RACED BACK TO HIS ROOM,  
ER CABIN, ONLY TO FIND THAT  
SAL HAD AGREED WITH HIM...  
SHE WAS BUSY PACKING!"

YOU'RE RIGHT,  
EDDIE...THIS PLACE  
IS TOO MUCH FOR  
ME! WE'LL LEAVE  
TOMORROW AND  
TAKE OUR  
CHANCES  
WITH THE  
COPS!



NOTHIN'  
DOIN' BABY!  
WHEN WE  
LEAVE HERE  
IT'LL BE WITH  
ENOUGH DOUGH  
TO FINANCE A  
TRIP TO SOUTH  
AMERICA....AND  
IN STYLE!



"SAL DIDN'T QUITE UNDERSTAND WHAT  
HAD HAPPENED TO EDDIE...IT WASN'T  
UNTIL HE EXPLAINED WHAT HE HAD  
SEEN THAT SHE FELL IN WITH HIS PLAN"

BUT HONEY,  
HOW ARE YOU  
GOING TO GET  
YOUR HANDS  
ON THAT  
DOUGH?



SIMPLE! I'M GONNA  
WAIT UNTIL THE  
CAP'N GOES BACK  
INTO THAT CAVE....  
AND I'M GONNA  
FOLLOW HIM WITH A  
SMALL ROWBOAT! I SAW  
ONE PARKED UP THE BEACH  
AWAYS! THEN I'M GONNA  
BUMP HIM OFF!



....THEN I'LL TAKE  
HIM AND THE MONEY OUT  
INTO THE BAY...SINK HIM  
AND THE BOAT...AND SWIM  
TO SHORE WITH THE DOUGH!  
NOBODY'LL EVER FIND  
HIM....NOBODY'LL MISS  
THE LOOT! AND BY THE  
TIME THEY DO, WE'LL BE  
BACK IN BUSINESS SOUTH  
OF THE BORDER!



"A PERFECT PLAN  
YOU'D SAY? WELL, YOU  
KNOW THE ONE ABOUT  
THE BEST LAID PLANS  
OF MICE AND MEN...!  
BUT CAP'N SILAS  
DIDN'T FIT RIGHT IN  
WITH EDDIE'S IDEA...  
AFTER ALL, HE HAD  
JUST VISITED HIS  
MONEY...THERE WAS  
NO NEED FOR HIM TO  
SEE IT AGAIN FOR  
SOME TIME! AND SO  
EDDIE AND SAL HAD  
TO PUT UP WITH THE  
CAP'N AND HIS  
TALES OF THE SPAN-  
ISH MAIN AND PIRATES  
AND HANGING FROM  
THE YARDARM.....  
WELL, IT WAS ENOUGH  
TO DRIVE ANYONE  
BATTY....."



"THE WEEKS PASSED AND THEN ONE  
NIGHT IT HAPPENED...THE NIGHT EDDIE  
HAD BEEN WAITING FOR....."

I HAD TO LISTEN TO YOUR STORIES  
LONG ENOUGH....THIS IS ONE  
YOU'LL NEVER FORGET.....  
'CAUSE WHEN IT'S OVER YOU'RE  
GONNA BE DEAD!



"SLOWLY, EVER SO SLOWLY, THE  
SMALL CRAFT MADE ITS WAY  
INTO THE CAVE....."



TAKE A GOOD LOOK,  
CAP'N....'CAUSE IT'S  
GONNA BE YOUR  
LAST!

WHAT A STORY YOU'LL BE  
ABLE TO TELL, CAP'N KIDD!  
THE TWO OF YOU WILL  
HAVE A LOT TO  
TALK OVER!



CC....RR  
UU....NN....  
CC....HH!

"NO, HE HADN'T MADE ONE  
SINGLE MISTAKE.....THERE  
WAS A TREASURE IN THE CHEST  
....AND NOW IT WAS HIS FOR  
THE TAKING!"



REAL SWEET OF THE  
OLD BOY TO HAVE IT FIXED  
UP IN MONEY BELTS.....  
MAKE IT A LOT MUCH  
EASIER TO SWIM  
WITH THAT WAY!



"ONCE OUT OF THE CAVE, ED-  
DIE PUT THE REST OF HIS  
PLAN INTO EFFECT....."



OVER YOU GO! A  
SALTY OLD CHARACTER  
LIKE YOU WILL MAKE  
GOOD FISH FOOD!

NOW TO GET RID OF THE  
EVIDENCE....I'M GONNA  
HAVE TO GET A LITTLE  
WET, BUT IT'LL BE  
WORTH IT!



"THE THUG SLIPPED INTO THE  
WATER...IT WAS JUST A SHORT  
SWIM TO SHORE...TO SAFETY  
....TO SOUTH OF THE BORDER!"



"EDDIE WAS A GOOD SWIMMER, HE HAD  
NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT! BUT WHAT  
WAS WRONG....WHY THE PANIC.....  
WHY THE SCREAM!"



"WHAT ARE YOU STRUGGLING FOR, EDDIE?  
WHAT'S WRONG? CRAMP? OCTOPUS? NO.....  
SOMETHING ELSE! SOMETHING YOU HADN'T  
PLANNED ON!"



"THE TIME PASSED AND SAL  
WAITED ON THE BEACH.....  
AND WAITED....AND WAITED....."



WHAT'S KEEPIN' HIM! WHERE  
IS HE? THERE WAS SOMETHING  
OUT THERE A WHILE AGO  
.....BUT NOW...NOTHING!  
BET HE'S PULLING A  
DOUBLE CROSS!

NO SAL, EDDIE DIDN'T PULL A  
DOUBLE CROSS....BECAUSE A FEW YEARS  
LATER THIS IS WHAT HE LOOKED LIKE! THE  
FOOL....WHY DIDN'T HE FIGURE OUT THAT  
A FRUSTRATED OLD PIRATE WOULD  
CHANGE HIS MONEY INTO THOSE LARGE,  
HEAVY DOUBLOONS OF ANCIENT DAYS.....  
LARGE ENOUGH AND HEAVY ENOUGH  
TO WEIGHT A MAN DOWN WHEN HE'S  
TRYING TO SWIM...AS A MATTER  
OF FACT, HEAVY ENOUGH TO.....  
**DROWN HIM!**



THE END

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